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North refuses to testify in private

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver L. North has refused to give private testimony to the congressional committee on the Iran-contra affair this week on the grounds that it would violate his rights, the chairman of the Senate panel said Wednesday. Senator Daniel Inouye, an opposition Democrat, said he would recommend that the committee skip the private session and call Col. North for public testimony in mid-July. Sen. Inouye said the panels could start contempt proceedings against Col. North but recommended they avoid that option to give time. The vice chairman of the Senate panel, Warren Rudman, a Republican, said he agreed. The lawmakers, asked how a private appearance might violate Col. North's rights, said reporters would have to ask Col. North's lawyer. "We've contended his position is untenable," Sen. Inouye said. "I always had great difficulty in inventing frivolous defenses," Rudman added. Sen. Inouye said Col. North's action was unprecedented.

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Queen hosts reception

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor on Wednesday held a reception at the Al Nadwra Palace for the wives of the heads of Arab and foreign diplomatic missions in Jordan.

Goulding leaves

AMMAN (Petra) — U.N. Under-Secretary General Mark Carraway Goulding and his assistant Jean-Claude Aime left Amman on Wednesday after a two-day visit to Jordan during which they were received by His Majesty King Hussein and a number of senior officials. Mr. Goulding, in a departure statement, expressed his pleasure in meeting the King and his appreciation for His Majesty's efforts aimed at achieving just and durable peace in the Middle East. He also confirmed that the King and U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar had identical views regarding the pressing need for an international peace conference to achieve just and durable peace in the region.

'Iran may be trying to build atom bomb'

LONDON (R) — Iran may be trying to build an atom bomb with Argentine help and has stepped up arms production, Jane's Defence Weekly magazine said Wednesday. The London-based magazine said reports of an agreement with Argentina had caused fears that Iran could shortly become a nuclear power. "Reports that Iran has signed an agreement with Argentina to buy nuclear technology and an unspecified amount of enriched uranium have rung alarm bells that Ayatollah Khomeini's regime may be trying to build a nuclear bomb," it said. Jane's did not reveal the source of the reports and gave no further details.

Jumblatt said to have survived assassination attempt

ABU DHABI (AP) — Walid Jumblatt, leader of Lebanon's Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), survived a weekend attempt to kill him at his mountain home with a bomb hidden in a pen, the semi-official Al Itihad daily reported Wednesday. The paper quoted "well-informed sources" as saying that the attempt to kill Mr. Jumblatt was carried out Saturday by a follower of Jamal Kararrah, former security chief of the PSP. Mr. Jumblatt last week handed over Mr. Kararrah, who was the nom de guerre of Abu Hatthem, and some of his aides to the Syrian army in west Beirut after they were accused of masterminding a series of bombings, the paper said. The paper said the "would-be assassin, Jamal Ammar, lost his hands when the bomb exploded prematurely in the abortive attempt to kill Mr. Jumblatt at his mountain palace in Mikhara.

Libya and Algeria sign agreement

ALGIERS (R) — Libya and Algeria have concluded four cooperation accords as steps towards unity of North Africa, the national news agency APS said Tuesday. The agency said increased exchanges between the two states meant that the old dream of a united Maghreb was now becoming a "palpable reality."

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3 killed, 10 injured in Israeli air raids and shelling in S. Lebanon

SIDON (Agencies) — Israeli fighter-bombers and helicopter gunships bombed two areas in South Lebanon on Wednesday and Israeli troops and their militia allies shelled six towns.

Police said at least two people were killed and four wounded in the two air strikes and a woman was killed, with six people wounded, in the artillery barrage. The raids raised the number of Israeli air strikes into Lebanon this year to 18 and followed mounting guerrilla attacks on Israel's self-designated "security zone" north of the border. Wednesday's air strikes were launched the day after Israel Radio reported a bomb exploded in a parked car in a Tel Aviv suburb, killing an Arab who allegedly planted it. Police said Wednesday's first air strike was at 6.30 a.m. (0330 GMT) when two helicopter gunships fired five rockets into the main square of Qabriha, a village 18 kilometres north of the Israeli border. Police said one person was killed.

Vorontsov, Iraqi leader review Gulf peace efforts

BAGHDAD (AP) — Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Vorontsov met with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Wednesday and said Moscow was seeking ways to end the war between Iran and Iraq, Baghdad Radio reported. Amid rising tension in the Gulf over moves by the Soviets and the United States to protect shipping from Iranian attack, the state radio said the two leaders discussed "efforts currently being made to bring the war to an end." The radio said President Hussein renewed his call for a comprehensive settlement to end the war and stressed Iraq would reject any partial solution. Mr. Vorontsov arrived Tuesday from Tehran, where he declared that U.S. warships had "no business" in the Gulf. He is the first senior Soviet official to visit Iraq since the May 17 Iraqi missile raid on the frigate USS Stark, which killed 37 Americans and has been labelled an accidental attack. A Kuwaiti newspaper said Wednesday Mr. Vorontsov was to discuss a plan to end the Gulf war with the Iraqis. It quoted Soviet diplomats as its sources. The diplomats were in Iran this week with Mr. Vorontsov for talks on the plan and told the daily Al Ra'i Al Aam it would be discussed in Baghdad on Wednesday. They said the first step of the plan was to stop the tanker war, which was resulting in damage to more than 300 merchant vessels since early in 1984. The diplomats said this would be followed by talks in Moscow between Iran and Iraq to try to agree on conditions to end the overall conflict, now well into its seventh year. The United Nations would be asked to arrange immediate international funds to help boost their economies. Iranian officials differed on some points of the proposal, which also called for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to raise Iran and Iraq's oil output quotas, the diplomats said. Baghdad has called on several occasions for a ceasefire. Iran says there can be no peace while President Hussein remains in power. Mr. Vorontsov ended a four-day visit to Tehran on Monday.

Reagan's plan for Gulf under mounting criticism

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan's plan to protect Kuwaiti oil tankers in the volatile Gulf faced mounting criticism Wednesday, with a key congressman saying the administration has seriously underestimated the risks involved. "What I think they're underestimating is the danger of a type of a terrorist attack — a mine strewn in the path of ship moving along, for example — something on which there are no Iranian fingerprints," said House of Representatives Armed Services Committee Chairman Les Aspin, an opposition Democrat. That uneasiness is also being expressed by senators from both parties after reviewing a Pentagon report detailing how the navy plans to protect U.S. servicemen and ships in the region starting next month. The Pentagon said U.S. warships would be ordered to be more alert and combat-ready, and could use defensive weapons against planes or ships approaching in a hostile manner or on radar that locks onto U.S. ships. On May 17, the frigate USS Stark failed to take evasive action or defend itself when an Iraqi warplane fired missiles at it, killing 37 American sailors. Iraq said the attack was accidental, and the United States has accepted that explanation. Senator Sam Nunn, Democratic chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Tuesday: "I do not think it ought to go ahead now because 'the military plans do not fit into any overall policy framework.'" Congressman Aspin said he agreed with Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger that the risk of a direct attack by Iran was low to moderate. But he said in a television interview: "I think what they're underestimating is the danger of a kind of a terrorist kind of attack." He described as quite adequate the U.S. military plans made public on Tuesday. Mr. Aspin said that despite widespread congressional opposition to the administration plan, Congress might take no action against it because opponents are divided on the best course. He said he hoped Congress could develop its own alternative Gulf policy but was unlikely to do so before the Kuwaiti ship protection plan, approved by Mr. Reagan, goes into operation next month. Senate majority leader Robert Byrd, in his sharpest attack yet, said the plan to protect Kuwaiti tankers is "half-baked, poorly developed" and said "it is clear the administration did not think through" the risks.

King promotes Sharif Zaid to field marshal

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AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Arab Army — the Jordanian Armed Forces — Wednesday promoted General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces to the rank of field marshal.

In a message he sent to Sharif Zaid, the King said he was pleased to confer upon the commander-in-chief the rank of field marshal in recognition of his efforts over the years in the service of the Arab Army.

Following is the text of the message: "I send you my greetings of affection, confidence, pride and appreciation."

"In the course of the country's celebrations of Army Day which inherited the flag and the mission from the army of the Great Arab Revolt and which aims to achieve its objectives and continues to act as a shield defending the nation, I feel happy to congratulate you for being promoted to field marshal as of Wednesday, June 17."

"You have won the rank through your loyalty and your efforts over the years in serving the Arab Army — the Jordanian Armed Forces — and the mission and flag of the nation which we defend with all our might and determination in the footsteps of our grandfathers and fathers as long as we live."

"I am pleased to say that the newly formed Ground-based Air Defence Units which received its standards on Wednesday will be called from now on the Royal Ground-based Air Defence Units which they really deserve."

"May God direct our Arab Army and our march in Jordan for serving the Arab Nation and its coming generations."

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — The ruling family of the Gulf Emirate of Sharjah, one of the seven components of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), said Wednesday they had instated a brother of the previous ruler as the new leader. The Emirates News Agency (WAM) earlier carried a statement in the name of Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qassimi, who had ruled the emirate since 1972, saying he was stepping down because he had mismanaged its economy. Dubai Television said Sheikh Sultan had been overthrown, while his wife told Reuters in London that he had been ousted. A statement by Sharjah, carried on WAM, said the ruling family met Wednesday night and all of them agreed that Sheikh Sultan's younger brother, Sheikh Abdul Aziz, 48, should be appointed the new ruler. Arab sources said an elder brother, Sheikh Saqr, had been technically the heir apparent. They also said the UAE's Supreme Council should first agree to accept the resignation of an outgoing ruler before a new one assumed office. The statement issued by Dubai on Television called on the UAE to intervene to stop the changes in Sharjah. A banker in Abu Dhabi said the statement attributed to Sheikh Sultan sounded strange. "If he was stepping down, he would not have said all those bad things about his rule and could have done it in a quieter way," the banker said.

Pope to meet Waldheim at Vatican on June 25

VATICAN CITY (Agencies) — Pope John Paul II will meet Austrian President Kurt Waldheim during an official visit to the Vatican next week, the Vatican said Wednesday. The visit, on June 25, will be Dr. Waldheim's first abroad as president since his election last year amid allegations that he was involved in Nazi war crimes. Dr. Waldheim has not paid any official visits to foreign states since taking office last July. His campaign was marked by allegations he aided in the persecution of Jews and partisans while serving in the German army in the Balkans in World War II. His spokesman Gerold Christian told AP in Vienna that Dr. Waldheim would go to Rome on June 24 and would return to Vienna on June 27. At the Vatican, spokesman Joaquin Navarro confirmed that the pontiff will receive Dr. Waldheim on June 25. Dr. Waldheim, a Roman Catholic, will be accompanied by his wife Elisabeth and Foreign Minister Alois Mock, Christian said. Christian said Dr. Waldheim had received the invitation to the Vatican some weeks ago, but refused to be more specific. Until Wednesday, the only trip Dr. Waldheim had planned abroad was a July 1-5 state visit to Jordan at the invitation of His Majesty King Hussein. U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese in April issued an order barring Dr. Waldheim on grounds that evidence shows the former U.N. secretary-general aided in the deportation of thousands of Jews and partisans while he was a German army lieutenant in the Balkans in World War II. Mr. Mock told the Austrian

Syrian premier reportedly hospitalised

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syrian Prime Minister Abdul Roouf Al Kasm is in hospital and was visited on Wednesday by two Iranian ministers, Iranian diplomatic sources quoted by AP and Reuters said. No details were publicly available about Dr. Kasm's health. He met a senior Soviet official in Damascus on Tuesday but Iranian officials quoted by Turkey's semi-official Anatolian agency said he was seriously ill. The Iranian sources said a planned visit to Syria by Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi had been postponed for a few days because of Dr. Kasm's sudden illness. Hassan Abedi Jafari and Mohammad Javad Iravani, the Iranian ministers of commerce and finance, visited the hospital and wished Dr. Kasm a speedy recovery, on Mr. Mousavi's behalf, the sources said. Mr. Mousavi had been due to travel to Syria after a three-day visit to Turkey which ended Wednesday. Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Wednesday that the postponement of Mr. Mousavi's visit was due to the illness of Dr. Kasm.



His Majesty King Hussein, accompanied by Her Royal Highness Princess Aisha and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid (Petra photo)

The King institutes new defence unit. Earlier Wednesday, the King attended a ceremony marking the formation of the Royal Ground-based Air Defence Units. He presented the standards of the newly-created force to the unit. The King also inspected a guard of honour and took the salute at a marchpast staged by the unit. The King presented awards and medals to a number of air defence officers. Later, the King inaugurated an exhibition of arms used by Ground-based Air Defence Units and was briefed on the weapons and equipment on display. The King was accompanied by his daughter Her Royal Highness Princess Aisha, Field Marshal Sharif Zaid, Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleb and senior Armed Forces officers.

Sharjah ruler ousted; brother named successor

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Pope John Paul II



Dr. Kurt Waldheim

news agency APA the invitation for Dr. Waldheim to visit the Vatican was an "exceptional gesture of the holy father to the president." It was obviously connected with Dr. Waldheim's work as U.N. chief for peace, social justice and development aid, Mr. Mock said. It was also a particular gesture from the Pope towards Austria and Austrian Christians, he added. Two other Austrian presidents have paid visits to the Vatican. Rudolf Kirchschlaeger was there in 1978 for the installation of Pope John Paul I. Former President Franz Jonas paid an official visit to Pope Paul VI in the Vatican in 1971 during a state visit to Italy.

Violence flares again in S. Korean political turmoil

SEOUL (Agencies) — Thousands of students and citizens battled tear-gas-firing riot police across South Korea again on Wednesday as authorities decided to advance holidays at some universities in the hope of reducing political turmoil. Altogether, police said, some 50,000 protesters, mainly students, staged campus and street protests across the country. In the south-east port Pusan, some 350 students stormed a Roman Catholic church, defying hundreds of riot police, to demand the resignation of President Chun Doo Hwan, witnesses told Reuters. They said the students were among more than 5,000 protesters who attacked police with stones and petrol bombs, set fire to police vans and occupied the main streets of South Korea's second largest city, shouting "away with military dictatorship" and "achieve a democratic constitution." Similar clashes were reported in Chinju, near Pusan. About 1,000 students, after a violent street clash, occupied a section of an expressway, hijacked two chemical gas trucks and threatened to blow them up if police did not release 29 colleagues arrested earlier. Police later overpowered them without major incident and detained several. Major street violence also erupted in Taejeon, a central town traditionally free from dissident activities. The Taejeon protesters, mostly students, fought fierce running battles with riot police and burned down at least one police post in the city centre. In a related development, the trial of five South Korean police-

Karami bomb planted at airbase, panel says

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The remote-controlled bomb that killed Muslim Prime Minister Rashid Karami aboard an army helicopter was planted in the back of his seat at an airbase in a Falangist-controlled area, judicial sources disclosed Wednesday.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said this conclusion was included in a report submitted by a three-man military investigating panel to chief judicial investigator Mounif Oweidat.

They said the four-page report made no mention of any arrests or name any suspects. The murder has triggered a political crisis that threatens to rekindle Lebanon's dormant civil war.

The sources said the report stated that the helicopter that was sent to fly Mr. Karami from his north Lebanon summer residence to Beirut on June 1 took off from Adma Airbase with the bomb aboard.

Adma is 15 kilometres north of Beirut in Lebanon's Falangist heartland. The area is controlled by the Lebanese Forces, the Falangists' main pro-Israeli militia, which opposed Mr. Karami's

pro-Syrian leanings.

The report said the bomb was detonated by remote control in a "no-man's space" midway in the 20-minute flight where the helicopter loses radio contact with both Beirut and north Lebanon for 30 seconds, according to the sources.

The report suggests the bomber might have been in a motorboat or on the beach before the helicopter when the 300-gramme charge exploded, the sources said.

The sources said "pieces of Japanese-made instruments" were found in the wreckage of the French-made Puma helicopter and that foreign experts would be called in to help explain this.

The leftist Beirut newspaper As Safir said a 12-volt Yuasa Japanese battery was attached to the detonator.

The investigating panel said in its report the use of such a small bomb to kill Karami without destroying the helicopter suggests the assassins deliberately wanted to create a national crisis in Lebanon.

"They could have used a stronger bomb to destroy the plane and kill all aboard altogether if they merely wanted to get rid of Karami," one source said. "Then there would have been no survivors to testify or a wreckage to examine."

Mubarak opens Saudi exhibition

CAIRO (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak inaugurated on Wednesday a Saudi Arabian exhibition in a further sign of steadily improving bilateral relations despite an 8-year-old diplomatic rupture.

Mr. Mubarak and Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz, emir of the Saudi capital Riyadh and a brother of King Fahd, exchanged warm expressions of friendship. Prince Salman is the highest Saudi government official to visit Egypt since his country joined 16 other Arab states in severing diplomatic relations with Egypt to protest its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Hamadei may be tried in W. Germany

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government probably will put a TWA hijacking suspect on trial here instead of extraditing him to the United States, official sources said Wednesday.

Chief government spokesman Friedrich Ost, meanwhile, said a decision on whether or not to extradite Mohammad Ali Hamadei would be made on June 24.

Mr. Ost issued a brief statement after a special meeting of Mr. Kohl's cabinet and parliamentary party leaders Wednesday morning held to consider the Hamadei matter. The government had been widely expected to reach a decision on Hamadei's case at this meeting.

Mr. Ost refused to give details of the session.

But official sources, speaking to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity, confirmed repeated reports earlier this week that Bonn will likely rebuff the United States' long-pending request for Hamadei's extradition.

Israel insists on reciprocity to Soviet visit

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel said Wednesday it would welcome a visit by a Soviet consular delegation, the first for 20 years, but said Israeli officials should in turn be allowed to visit Moscow.

"We welcome this delegation, but we insist on the principle of reciprocity," an Israeli foreign ministry spokeswoman told Reuters.

She was commenting on Israeli press reports quoting Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov as saying Moscow had applied for visas for a consular delegation to visit the Jewish state next month.

The Kremlin has not sent such a delegation to Israel since it broke relations with the Jewish state during the 1967 Middle East war. Israel has insisted the Soviets renew official ties before they can play a role in Middle East peace efforts.

U.S. battleship group may handle Gulf escort duty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States expects to begin escorting Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Gulf using eight warships in early July, but may soon replace that force with a combat group headed by a battleship, Pentagon sources have said.

Such a move, coming perhaps as early as August, would represent a massive increase in U.S. firepower in the Gulf and provide the clearest indication yet of President Ronald Reagan's commitment to protect oil supplies flowing through the Gulf.

Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, in a report to Congress made public Tuesday, said the eight warships that will soon begin the escort work "will be sufficient to do the job and minimize risks."

Mr. Weinberger briefly mentioned the possibility of using a battleship, saying: "A detailed review of the advisability of battleship battle group operations in the area is being conducted."

Defense officials, asked about the reference, disclosed that the Pentagon's Joint Chiefs of Staff had already concluded a battleship force should be sent to the Gulf.

It was unclear whether the chiefs have formally ordered a battleship prepared for Gulf duty.

One official, who spoke on condition of not being identified, said the deployment of a battleship offered several advantages, particularly in the event of orders to retaliate against Iran for any attacks on U.S. shipping.

The battleship's huge 16-inch (40 cm) guns have the range to strike Iranian missile batteries on the shoreline without endangering the lives of any pilots, the source explained.

"And it can take a hit without any problem. Mines won't hurt it and it's a major show of force,"

the source said. The navy currently has three heavily armed, World War II-era battleships that have been returned to active duty after being extensively refurbished and modernized. Two of the three — the New Jersey and Missouri — are based in Long Beach, California, while the Iowa is based in Norfolk, Virginia.

Based on current deployment plans, either the New Jersey or Missouri is most likely to be used, the sources said.

Mr. Weinberger, in the unclassified version of his report to Congress, said the navy would "augment our current Middle East task force presence with three additional combatants, configured to meet potential sea, air- and land-based missile threats."

"There forces will be sufficient to do the job and minimize risks," he said. "The risks to U.S. naval forces in the Gulf from these

threats are low. The risks involved in protecting U.S.-flagged vessels are moderate."

The Pentagon sources said the navy would have a force of three large cruisers, one destroyer and four guided-missile frigates on station in the Gulf by the first week of July in addition to the command ship Lasalle.

Those vessels — with the exception of one cruiser already there — will replace all of the ships currently on station in the Gulf, the sources continued, including three destroyers and two frigates.

The USS Stark, which was heavily damaged in an attack by an Iraqi warplane on May 17, is also scheduled to sail for home during the first week of July, the sources said.

Before the escort operations begin, the navy will move the aircraft carrier Constellation into the northern Arabian Sea, placing its aircraft within range of the Gulf.

Israel begins trial of 4 who met PLO officials

RAMLE (AP) — A defence attorney for four Israelis on trial for meeting Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) members argued in court Wednesday that his clients had not violated the law because not all PLO members were "terrorists."

The trial, which opened March 9 and immediately recessed until Wednesday, is the first such trial since parliament passed a law banning meetings with PLO members last year. The law carries a maximum penalty of three years in jail.

The accused are left-wing writers and politicians who met a 15-member PLO delegation in Costinesti, Romania last November.

A Shin Bet security agent also testified behind closed doors for the prosecution.

According to defence attorney Amnon Zichroni, the agent, identified only as "Reuven," acknowledged at one point in his testimony that "the PLO is also a political organisation," a remark which the defence considered a boon to its case.

During the seven-hour proceedings, Mr. Zichroni tried to prove that his clients did not violate the Israeli law by arguing that not everyone in the PLO was a "terrorist."

The Israeli law does not specifically mention the PLO, but bans unauthorised meetings between Israel and "terrorists," and Israel officially views the PLO as a "terrorist" organisation.

"We are trying to prove that the defendants met people in the PLO who have nothing to do with terrorism," Mr. Zichroni said.

Mr. Zichroni also said the trial would be a test case for the new law. "We're trying to see where the government draws the line, Mr. Zichroni said."

A second defence attorney, Avigdor Feldman, also said that the law was unclear, saying, "If I go to a dentist who's a professional member of the PLO, and he cleans my teeth, am I contravening the law?"

The trial's outcome is expected to determine the fate of a 21-member Israeli delegation that met PLO members in Budapest.

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AMMAN (Petra) — Two researchers from the University of Jordan, Salah Jarrar and Fanni Jada, submitted a report on the state of Arab manuscripts to the annual meeting of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilization Research (Al al Bai Foundation).

The paper dealt with Arab manuscripts which they asserted embody Arab-Islamic thought and work in all branches of knowledge.

Most of the Arab-Islamic manuscripts are housed in major world museums. It is the work of orientalists and researchers to bring them to light and to explain the Islamic culture contained in them to the outside world, the two researchers said upon presenting the paper.

They said that manuscripts stand as the most significant witness of the Arab-Islamic culture over the ages.

In the morning session, a committee entrusted with preparing an encyclopaedia on Islamic civilisation presented a report on their work and also spoke about steps taken for producing the encyclopaedia.

The committee said that sub-committees have been set up to deal with Arab literature, geography and Islamic mysticism in preparation for the encyclopaedia.

After the opening of the foundation's sixth meeting by His Majesty King Hussein in Amman on Tuesday, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan assumed the chairmanship of the meetings. Later in the evening he opened a seminar on the strategy of investments by Islamic development banks.

In a speech to the seminar, the Crown Prince underlined the need for pooling Islamic resources and wealth for serving humanitarian causes in the Islamic World.

Iraqi-Jordanian transport company ends meetings

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and Iraq Wednesday signed minutes of a meeting by the Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company (IJLTC) which convened in Amman over the past four days.

The minutes, signed by Minister of Transport Ahmad Dakhqan and Iraqi Minister of Transport and Communications Mohammad Al Zubeidi, covered the endorsement of final accounts of the company and the distribution of dividends for the past year.

These dividends, amounting to the minutes also included an approval of the company's imports and productive work and performance in the first third of this year and also plans for the coming year.

Following the signing ceremony, Mr. Dakhqan paid tribute to the efforts of those responsible in the joint company and their endeavours for its development and successful operations.

Mr. Zubeidi for his part voiced his gratitude and appreciation to the Jordanian government for the welcome and hospitality accorded to the Iraqi side, which, he said, is a manifestation of the strong and brotherly relations between the two countries.

Mr. Zubeidi expressed Iraq's readiness to offer all possible support for the joint company and serve the interests of both countries.

Mafrag begins development projects

MAFRAQ (Petra) — Mafrag Municipality has embarked on the implementation of development projects which will cost a total of JD 529,000. Chairman of the municipality's committee, Abdullah Basbous, said that among the projects is a sports city and a market.

Arabs top illiteracy list—UNESCO

By Nermeen Murad
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "The Arab World, which once ranked second after Africa in the ratio of illiterates to the population in the world, has now moved to place number one," an education specialist at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) said Wednesday.

Dr. Abdel Wahed Youssef, speaking at a press conference to announce the holding of an educational meeting for ministers' under secretaries in order to devise ways to combat illiteracy, said that Jordan's ratio, however, remained the lowest in the Arab World. The illiteracy ratio in the Kingdom for age group 15 and above is in the region of 34.6 per cent, the average of both sexes (male ratio is 19.9 per cent whereas the female ratio rockets up to 49.5 per cent), said Dr. Youssef citing 1979 statistics.

Dr. Youssef, along with the meeting's organiser, Dr. Abdallah Bou Bataneh, spoke of the meeting's plan and targets as well as the major items on the agenda.

Meeting's agenda

Dr. Bou Bataneh said the meeting, scheduled for June 22 to 26, will feature a review of educational development in the Arab states since the 1977 Abu Dhabi

conference of ministers of education. Renewal and Democratisation of the educational process in the Arab World within the context of socio-economic and cultural development, in addition to promotion of regional and international cooperation for educational development, will also figure prominently during the meeting, added Dr. Bou Bataneh.

Under the subject of renewal and democratisation of education, the meeting will consider general and adult education, the problem of illiteracy and development policies, celebration of the international literacy day, problems of general education and secondary technical education, plus enhancing scientific education at all levels, and creating favourable conditions for the development of science and technology.

"The report which will be presented at the meeting, will include proposals towards decreasing the level of illiteracy by the year 2000," Dr. Bou Bataneh said. He added that "the problems that cause such high levels of illiteracy in the Arab states are a result of the fact that approximately 40 per cent of the children do not get a chance to enter elementary schools, either because of economic hardship or parental refusal to send the children to school."

Cultural discrimination

Another cause of the high level of illiteracy, according to Dr. Bou Bataneh, is "that the level of illiteracy among women is very high in the Arab World as a result of traditions which dominate our lives." He also added that the UNESCO has now established a programme which will by 1989 "establish equal educational opportunities for both sexes."

The most important cause of illiteracy is the high birth rate which grows at a rate of 3 per cent per year, according to Dr. Bou Bataneh. This causes a major problem for the Arab states who want to absorb these numbers into existing schools or establish new schools, but do not have the adequate budget to do so.

Professor Mohammad Ibrahim Kazim, present director of the UNESCO regional office for education in the Arab states (UNEDBAS), added that there is a problem of education for Palestinians in the occupied territories. The United Nations General Assembly has already delegated a researcher to study the problem but the report was delayed because Israel did not allow him to enter the occupied territories to study the situation of education there. "The report will be submitted in September, whether Israel grants the researcher permission for entry or not," Dr. Kazim said.

Jordan, Egypt, Iraq sign transport firm statutes

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan, Iraq and Egypt Wednesday agreed to follow up steps designed to bring the projected Arab Maritime Bridge Company (AMBC) into being.

Ministers of transport in the three countries, who have been meeting here over the past week, said in a statement that they agreed on setting up a board of directors for the company within the coming six months. During this period, the existing Jordanian and Egyptian shipping companies will coordinate their work

with the Iraqi authorities on operations linking the three countries.

They also agreed to allow for another six months transitional period before the company officially comes into being.

Transport ministers Ahmad Dakhqan of Jordan, and Mohammad Zubeidi of Iraq, and Mr. Ihab Wahbeh, Egyptian ambassador to Jordan who stood in for the Egyptian minister, said that they discussed executive measures for bringing this company into being, reviewed reports on

the project by a technical sub-committee and the articles of an official agreement for setting up the company.

They agreed to maintain continuous operations of a land-sea route which links Aqaba with Nuweibeh, and of the Jordanian and Egyptian national shipping lines operating between the two ports.

The projected company will have its headquarters in Amman and will operate under the supervision of the three countries.

Companies sign contract to develop state-owned land

AMMAN (J.T.) — Three local companies have leased state-owned land at Sahi Suwwan, Disi and Mudawwara in the south and southeastern regions of the Kingdom to be developed for the production of cereals, according to agreements signed at the Ministry of Agriculture on Wednesday.

Under the agreement, the three companies will have a 25-year lease to develop the land for a nominal annual fee of 100 fils per dunum, renewable for 25 additional years by mutual agreement, if the companies in question make use of at least 50 per cent of the land every year.

The companies will have to develop at least 65 per cent of the land within the first two years; otherwise, they will pay fines of JD 5 per dunum annually for two years.

Under the agreement, the three companies will grow wheat and fodder and also legumes. They will also set up installations and buildings for raising cattle and sheep, and erect plants for processing their products. They should also employ mechanical methods in irrigation.

The Ministry of Agriculture pledges to purchase the wheat grown by the three companies for five years at official price rates which should not be below the 1985 rates.

Good Land Company for Agricultural Development.

The ministry had conducted studies on the land that has been leased to the three companies and found that the soil was fertile and that underground water was abundant for agricultural purposes. The study, conducted in cooperation with the Water Authority of Jordan and the Land and Survey Department, said that the land in question can be exploited for cereal production and for raising domesticated animals.

Harvests begin

The Ministry of Agriculture last week announced that harvest had begun at the Sahi Al Suwwan and Disi regions which were leased to local companies for development last year.

According to Mr. Mustafa Al Sudaha, director of the agriculture department in Aqaba district, the production of wheat in the two leased areas is expected to be

more abundant than predicted. He predicted that the two areas will produce 3,000 tonnes of wheat.

The government leased thousands of dunums of state owned land at the two regions under terms similar to those included in the agreement signed Wednesday.

In the coming years, Mr. Sudaha said, production is expected to increase now that the government has reclaimed additional areas of land in the east and southeast regions. Mr. Sudaha added that the government has reclaimed nearly 200,000 dunums in Disi and Sahi Al Suwwan area which it leased to local companies.

Azraq under study

Meanwhile, a special committee from the Ministry of Agriculture has embarked on final studies of a report on the feasibility of soil in Azraq region and the available amounts of water conducive to growing cereals.

The special committee, chaired by Mr. Hmoud, received the report on the soil from a technical committee which gave particulars about the prospects of exploiting the land around Azraq region, similar to projects in the south-east and southern parts of the Kingdom.

Cooperation key to Jordan's labour policy

GENEVA (Petra) — Jordan's speech to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) conference in Geneva was delivered here Wednesday by Mr. Samir Qarden, secretary general of the Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions.

In his speech, Mr. Qarden spoke about the successful experiment in Jordan where the government, employers, and the workers cooperate successfully.

Mr. Qarden also spoke about the need for efforts to promote international cooperation in vocational training, in the flow of workers to be employed in different countries, and in establishing a special international fund that can offer compensation to workers.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan had made such a proposal 10 years ago at the 1977 ILO conference in Geneva.

Business group launches promotion campaign to entice corporate tourists

By Salamah B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Common sense tells us it is easier to find a glass of fresh water in the middle of the Sahara than to find a pre-World War I steam train. But thanks to a new tourism promotion stunt, chances are good you may enjoy that fresh glass of water, on a pre-World War I steam train, in the middle of the Sahara.

But that's not all. The people organising the new tourism promotion campaign are offering much more for incentive travellers: "a breakfast at the crack of dawn in Qalaa Al Rabadi; a walk in the marvels of the desert castles; a barbecue at the Dead Sea and, on top of that, a luncheon in the magnificent rose city of Petra."

These attractions (not necessarily in that order), make up part of an ongoing effort by four Amman-based tourism and travel institutions to put Jordan on the map of the world incentive travel market: the Amman Marriott Hotel; International Traders; Air

France and British Airways.

"Jordan should be the new destination for those who think they have seen it all," Haile Agular, the Marriott's general manager, says. "I am talking about those people who have seen all the usual tourist spots and are looking for something different."

The incentive travel market is aimed at high profile executives of large companies with generous funds allocated to send their executives to unique and remote parts of the world to spend their holidays or hold their meetings. According to figures made available to the Jordan Times, average spending per day of an incentive travel tourist is \$114 compared to \$50 of a "normal" tourist in Jordan.

The incentive market is relatively new in the world, with the first organised tour opened 14 years ago. It has proven to be the fastest growing sector of the tourism industry. Aside from traditional beach resorts, very few destinations have been added during the last few years.

Mr. Agular said that the present target for the promotion plan includes England, West Germany, Holland and France.

"By 1989, we expect to attract 5,000 tourists on this programme who will generate an additional \$2.25 million in tourist revenue to the country," Mr. Agular said.

He was speaking to the Jordan Times following a joint press conference he hosted at the Marriott Wednesday along with Mr. Munir Nassar, director of International Traders, Mr. Jean Guignonet, the Air France manager for Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, and British Airways manager for Egypt, Jordan and Syria, Mr. Terry Daly.

Mr. Agular said that a total of 125 decision makers in the field of incentive travel would be invited to Jordan to experience for themselves the viability of Jordan as an incentive travel destination. A typical incentive itinerary calls for four or five nights stay in one city or country, thus increasing the total spend.

The Marriott and International Traders have allocated \$100,000 to cover travel and promotion expenses during 1987 and 1988.

Mr. Samir Dakkak, the hotel's sales director, said the promotion drive his hotel was spearheading would open the way for other travel related establishments to do the same to the ultimate benefit of the country along with the establishment themselves.

"We are triggering something totally new," Mr. Dakkak, who also attended the press conference, remarked.

VTC to train graduates to ease unemployment

AMMAN (Petra) — A ministerial committee probing means of handling the unemployment problem in the Kingdom has submitted proposals which, it says, could reduce the rate of unemployed persons in Jordan by 10 per cent.

According to Dr. Munther Al Masri, director general of the Ministry of Labour and Social Development's Vocational Training Corporation (VTC), the committee suggested that the VTC should prepare a JD 250,000 programme for offering unemployed community college and secondary school graduates sufficient training in different fields to enable them to replace non-Jordanian workers.

He said that the committee also suggested that the VTC go ahead with plans for training 30,000 Jordanians in different trades beginning with 10,000 during this year. These trained Jordanians will then be able to replace non-Jordanian workers employed in construction, services, agricultural and other fields, Dr. Masri said.

He said that the 30,000 Jordanians will be given sufficient training during the VTC's five-year plan ending in 1990. He said that the VTC plans to spread its services and programmes around the Kingdom, offering training to all young men and women to enable them to work in the different fields that are now employing non-Jordanians.

For this reason, the VTC has set up nine large training centres.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraqi minister leaves after 6-day visit


AMMAN (Petra) — Iraqi Minister of Transport and Communications Mohammad Al Zubeidi left Amman Wednesday ending a six-day visit to Jordan during which he held talks with Transport Minister Ahmad Dakhqan on bilateral relations in transport fields and means of strengthening this cooperation. During the visit, Mr. Zubeidi took part in the meetings of the Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company. He also took part in the meetings of a joint committee grouping Jordan, Iraq and Egypt entrusted with studying the setting up of Arab Maritime Bridge Company.

Arab Mining Co. reviews projects

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Mining Company's board of directors held a meeting here on Wednesday to review progress on work at the company's projects in Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, Iraq, Bahrain and North Yemen. The meeting, chaired by the company's vice-chairman of the board, Abdullah Al Anqari, also discussed recent contacts with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources in Saudi Arabia regarding implementation of mining projects in Saudi Arabia in cooperation with the company. The meeting was attended by delegates from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, and Libya.

Jordan, Spain to discuss Jerash restoration

AMMAN (Petra) — The Department of Antiquities Director General Dr. Adnan Al Hadidi will leave for Madrid on Saturday on a two-week visit to Spain at an invitation from the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Antiquities within the framework of existing cooperation between Jordan and Spain. Dr. Hadidi will discuss with his Spanish counterpart means of bolstering cooperation in the antiquities field between Jordan and Spain and the possibility of Spanish archaeologists' participation in a project for the reconstruction and restoration of the historical city of Jerash. The project is within the present five-year development plan. During the visit, Dr. Hadidi will also visit a number of historical sites and antiquities restoration centres in Spain.



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June anniversaries

THE month of June has become a landmark in the troubled history of Palestine as well as South Africa — the two regions where people are fighting for their legitimate rights against oppressors who stop at nothing to put down their national causes and eliminate their struggle for freedom, dignity and independence. For the Arabs, especially the Palestinians, June was the month that saw the occupation of the rest of Palestine and the subjugation of its people in the 1967 war. For the South Africans, June is the reminder of the uprising in the black town of Soweto against the oppressive white minority regime. Massive strikes marked the 11th anniversary of the uprising on Tuesday.

In both cases, the years since the 1967 war and the Soweto uprising have found the oppressors consolidating their grip and stepping up inhuman practices, while those who are fighting for their freedom and dignity gathered increasing support, local as well as foreign, for their struggle. Many have been struck by how closely the lives of Palestinians under Israeli rule mirror the daily existence of black people under the racist regime in Pretoria. Although Israel has not built its racially discriminatory system in the name of race separation as South Africa has, it has justified its form of exclusivism by a confusing mixture of religion, exploitation of the Jewish holocaust of World War II, and well financed public relations. Beneath the ideological blanket, Israel and South Africa function in remarkably similar ways. Palestinians in Nabulus and Gaza, like black Africans in Soweto and Durban, live under various forms of apartheid.

Apartheid has meant emergency laws, sweeping arrests, troops moving down thousands of unarmed blacks in South Africa and Palestinians in the occupied territories, homes broken into, searched without warrant or reason, kidnappings, beatings, and deportations. Laws governing the black South Africans and the Palestinian people are created to work against them. This is all against international law. Both Israel and South Africa have become gigantic prisons for the nationally oppressed. South Africa has the largest prison population per capita of any country in the world; in the West Bank and Gaza, more than a third of the Arab population have served a sentence in Israeli jails. Even children are routinely arrested, interrogated, tortured, abused and insulted for days or weeks or end in attempts to extract confessions. Both Tel Aviv and Pretoria try to deny the people they oppress their national identity. Palestinians are no longer people, they are terrorists. Similarly, Africans are no longer Africans; they are members of the African National Congress (ANC) "terrorist" Organisation. It is ironic that two of the most heavily armed regimes in the world find the mere expression of national identity by the oppressed to be a threat.

But, history maintains its course. South African racists can not escape the fate of Rhodesia's whites, as their African subjects keep in mind the lessons of a free Zimbabwe. And, in Palestine, as elsewhere in the Middle East, students of history can only recall the annals of the Crusaders or the Persians as reminders that the region can not and will not accommodate any cancerous aggressive organ in its body.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: King urges modern thought

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein opened at the Royal Cultural Centre on Tuesday the sixth meeting of the Royal Academy for Islamic Research (Al Bai Foundation) and addressed the delegates, describing Islam as a faith and a religion of intellect and the mind. His address contained an open invitation for Muslim scholars to acquaint themselves with the modern sciences which can widen the scope of their knowledge about the world and help them carry out their mission in a more efficient manner. The King said that understanding the Holy Koran should go hand in hand with the understanding of modern science, as both help Muslims to adhere further to religion while coping with requirements of the world. The King also warned against narrow mindedness and the prevalence of superstitions within a society. This age, he said, is the age of development and science, and one has to catch up with scientific developments while enhancing his belief in religion. The King noted that a balance between spiritualism and materialism is bound to help Muslim scholars contribute to salvaging humankind from the overwhelmingness of materialism. He said Muslim scholars should present Islam to the world through scientific means, signs of which abound in the Holy Koran. This holy book which embodies religion and science can serve as the best means for saving humanity from its sufferings and its chronic problems.

Al Dustour: Jordan reaffirms position

KING Hussein told U.N. envoy Marrack Goulding that Jordan supports the efforts of the U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar for holding an international Middle East peace conference. This is a firm Jordanian stand and a second policy followed by Jordanian officials and leaders through their constant contacts with heads of European and Arab governments. Mr. Goulding conveyed to the King de Cuellar's appreciation of Jordan's continued endeavours to bring peace to the Middle East, an appreciation accorded to Jordan by leaders of various countries of the world. Mr. Goulding's tour of the region and his talks with leaders about the prospect of holding the international conference are bound to give further impetus to the United Nations efforts in this respect despite continued Israeli intransigence and rejection of peace bids. Jordan welcomes the efforts of the United Nations and its envoys and hopes that the on-going consultations about the proposed conference will eventually yield fruitful results, so that a just and comprehensive peace can be achieved. We hope that the U.N. envoy will be able to remove all obstacles in the way of the coming conference so that it can achieve success.

Sawt Al Shaab: King invites Islamic openness

KING Hussein Tuesday opened a meeting of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research with an open invitation for development of means and methods in dealing with religion and science. He called for a revision of all educational methods in Islamic countries, emphasising the need for coping with scientific development and modern civilisation. He said that branches of knowledge are always inter-related and are all intended to be employed for serving humankind. He said that the Holy Koran is abound with indications and signs and terms that point to science, which means that science and faith go hand in hand and do not contradict one another. He said a balance should be achieved between spiritualism and materialism and that scholars should arm themselves with knowledge and enhance their faith and religious beliefs at the same time. But he warned that materialism should not be allowed to overwhelm human values and culture.

American candidates step on Arabs to please Jews

By Mohammad Kamal

The writer is Jordan's ambassador to the U.S. The following article appeared in Wednesday's issue of the Christian Science Monitor.

AS the American campaign for the 1988 presidential elections commences, one is struck by certain themes that pervade the statements of candidates. Many issues, of course carry particular importance for constituents and candidates alike. This characteristic of the American political system and election process however, is of legitimate concern to many of us from abroad, because some of those issues also affect us directly. It is not my purpose to interfere in the internal affairs of the United States, but it would be an opportunity lost if I failed to comment on how American domestic politics affects the lives of people abroad.

We understand the American political system and know that it follows a pattern established years ago. However, when the Arab people become the object of American discourse and debate, few observations from an outsider may be instructive.

During this critical time in the Middle East, a number of candi-

dates from both political parties are bidding for the nomination by making foreign policy promises to special interest groups that are more likely to lead to war than to peace. To gain support for their candidacy, these promises are being made without regard to their policy implications internationally.

American politicians appear to have a strange love affair with Israel. I say strange, because they apparently lack an ability to express their affection for Israel without denouncing the Arabs as people. It is as though Israel has no positive attributes, and candidates are forced to ally themselves with Israel's fears, hatred and biases instead.

At the very time when there is a special need for informed responsibility, the American voter is being wooed by candidates, from both political parties, who are making promises to special interest groups that can only damage the delicate peace process presently under way. To gain support for their nomination, many candidates have been advancing uninformed statements, without regard for their impact on U.S. policy formation or the reaction of the Arab coun-

tries concerned. Some of the outlandish proposals they make could spark greater hostility in the region.

As examples, here are but four such thoughtless proposals, all made during the last four weeks by candidates to a group with special interests in the Middle East:

"A new initiative" in which Israel would play a pronounced, strategically coordinated role in NATO, proposed by a presidential hopeful. This could dangerously polarise the Middle East.

The continuing campaign to move the American Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, actively supported by more than one candidate. This would, in effect, mean American approval of Israel's illegal annexation of the Holy City. It would also result in a great and justified wave of anti-Americanism in the Arab World.

The appointment of a new secretary of state in order "to clean out the Arabists in the State Department," a campaign promise made by another aspirant.

The current efforts to remove the two Palestine information offices — one in New York and one in Washington — from U.S.

soil. This would go against one of the basic democratic values of the American system. These offices were established in conformity with all requirements covering such foreign representation in the U.S.; and, in their function, they have never violated nor advocated any positions contrary to U.S. laws. This attempt by politicians to build an American fear against Palestinians, if it persists, can literally destroy the peace process.

Implicit in all the above proposals, of course, is a strong pro-Israeli, anti-Arab stance. As such, they carry powerful weight among the Arabs. While American support for Israel is widely known in the Middle East, the total and often self-serving biased support expressed by politicians to advance their candidacy is deeply worrying. While the messages may be intended for domestic political purposes, their implications and consequences reach far beyond America's shores.

American support of Israel is well known in the Middle East. Politicians who express maximum support of Israel have found it to be beneficial to their political fortunes. We do not object to

politicians who seek to further their interest in higher offices. Although, when they raise issues affecting the Middle East, we desire to see those candidates take note of the numerous implications of their messages on those abroad. While their messages may be intended for a domestic purpose, the international implications cannot be overlooked.

Our concern is the blatant attacks on Arabs as a group of people under the guise of support for Israel by candidates who pretend concern for Israel. We do not object to candidates who express a genuine support for Israel, but to do so by condemning a whole group of people as the enemies of peace and good will does not serve anyone.

Most importantly, our concern is that peace be given every opportunity to succeed. A major opportunity for a fresh start toward a just peace is open. King Hussein and others have worked tirelessly to move the peace process forward. Under those conditions it would be regrettable if America, through neglect or ignorance, failed to seize the initiative to launch the peace process with international cooperation.

Mohammad Kamal

A candidate who truly wishes to promote the peace must do so by being informed and by advocating peaceful solutions to the Middle East conflict. By anything less is to place oneself on the opposite side of peace.

The survival of Israel can only be guaranteed by peace. Those who truly support Israel should seek ways to bring about peace with her neighbours rather than creating conditions which widen the rift between Arabs and Israelis.

The only answer is still a Palestinian homeland

By Akram Hanieh

The writer was editor of the Jerusalem daily Al Shaab (The People), until he was deported by the Israeli occupation authorities on December 28, 1986. His article is reprinted from The Guardian.

NO PALESTINIAN or Arab could have imagined in June 1967 that the invading Israeli forces would remain in the West Bank and Gaza Strip for more than a few years. Today, 20 years later, occupation is reinforcing its grip on the land, and the prospects for the ending of the plight of Palestinians seem as slim as ever.

The current situation is exacerbated by preconceived ideas and tailor-made plans for the settlement of the conflict. Some have arrived at the simplistic conclusion that the only choice left for Palestinians is to accept what Israel is offering, and thus do not offer an alternative to occupation.

Assumptions that Palestinians should and would accept such offers are based on a number of factors including Israel's growing military might, and its "creation of facts" in the occupied territories.

Other arguments include the recognition that the Arab states have generally speaking abandoned the Palestinians, that the Palestinian national movement have momentarily suffered from internal problems and that the PLO has been expelled from one capital after another.

The USA, with the blessing of other Western powers, has for a number of years put forward a number of "settlement plans," usually linking Palestinians to Jordan. They based their assumptions of the feasibility of their proposals on the continued plight of the Palestinians living under the shadow of military occupation or in exile under oppression, which periodically culminates in genocide.

Yet, such proposals disregard both the changes that have taken place in the last 20 years of the Palestinians for a state of their own. They are thus doomed to

failure. Uprisings and general unrest in the occupied territories focus on the essence of the problem: the importance of creating conditions that will guarantee the threatened Palestinian presence and will create a feeling of security — now absent — through the creation of a state.

Uprisings and general unrest are increasing inexorably in spite of the de facto economic annexation of the occupied territories which have been turned into both a major market for Israeli goods and a pool of cheap labour. The cartel of large Israeli companies now sees in the continuation of occupation a guarantee of future profits.

The uprisings have placed the Israeli authorities in a state of commotion. The threat posed by the blossoming Palestinian identity cannot be concealed by arsenals of modern weapons, nor by the myths and interpretations of history into a rhetoric that serves the interest of the occupier.

In the last eight months, uprisings have become a daily reality that reflects the demographic, social, political, economic and cultural changes brought about by 20 years of occupation. The occupation and all it entails has unwittingly nurtured the modern Palestinian national identity, an identity created on the one hand by the exclusivist colonial presence and, on the other, by the emergence in exile of the Palestinian national movement, headed by the PLO.

This process is probably most clear among the new generation born under occupation and now constituting the majority of the population. In an area of the world characterised by a high birthrate, out of a population of 1.4 million in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, one million are under the age of 30.

The new generation is characterised by its acquisition of consciousness and political direction in conditions of land seizure (42 per cent of the land at least), total loss of control over water

resources, school and university closures by military order and multifarious other means of oppression.

It has grown up to see 100,000 Palestinians, mainly peasants, transformed into cheap labour for Israeli industry and an increasing number of Jewish settlements, the populations of which are a reserve tool of oppression for the Israeli army. Since 1967, and according to Israeli statistics, half a million Palestinians have been

gaoled.

The 20 years of occupation have witnessed the crumbling of the foundations of an old society, the rise of new values and a unique form of consciousness and political maturity born out of a dual process of oppression and struggle. To Palestinians only one solution exists: An independent homeland.

Both the characteristics of the new generation and the demographic data worry a number of

Israelis. Arabs now form 38 per cent of the population of the country as a whole and are expected to reach 50 per cent in 30 years. Scenes of Arab youth stoning Israeli soldiers are reminiscent to some Israelis of David and Goliath, this time with a reversal of roles.

After 20 years of occupation, Palestinians are reaffirming their national identity and their wish to establish a homeland.

The coming scenario for events

in the Middle East is gloomy despite the current talk of the possibility of an international conference. Israel and the USA can close the Palestinian file one more time. The result will be more unrest and more uprisings as a peace that does not take Palestinian aspirations into account is no real peace. It is high time effort was invested for a people often deemed as one too many and a homeland deemed one too small.

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3 killed, 10 injured in Israeli attacks

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Israel's previous 16 air raids this year killed 53 people and wounded 171 by police count.

Earlier, Israeli troops and their allies of the South Lebanese Army (SLA) pounded six towns and villages in South Lebanon with artillery.

Police said the 45-minute barrage started at 11.30 a.m. (0830 GMT), sending townspeople racing for cover in basements.

At one point, shells were falling at a rate of two a minute on the market town of Nabatiyeh and the nearby villages of Kfar Rouman, Habboush, Arab-salem, Jabaa and Jarjou, police noted.

Police identified the source of fire as "positions manned by Israeli forces and South Lebanese Army militiamen in hills south-east of Nabatiyeh."

Independent sources said Wednesday's air attack on Qab-rakha appeared linked to an ambush on Tuesday on SLA forces near the town of Qantara.

Following the clash the sources said the bodies of three Hizbollah fighters were found nearby and Irish soldiers of the U.N. peacekeeping force stationed in the area reported heavy firing by SLA artillery.

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Environmental decay poses threat as big as invading armies

By Rory Channing
Reuter

CAIRO — Environmental decay threatens countries with ravages perhaps greater than they would suffer at the hands of plundering armies.

This is the conclusion of a 30-month study on world environmental crises by the U.N.-sponsored World Commission on Environment and Development.

The world's worsening environmental crisis, it says, "presents a threat to national security — and even survival — that may be greater than well-armed, ill-disposed neighbours and unfriendly alliances."

Already in Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia, ecological decay is becoming a source of political unrest and international tension, it says.

"The recent destruction of much of Africa's dryland agricultural production was more severe than if an invading army had pursued a scorched-earth policy," it says, adding, "most of the affected governments still spend far more to protect their people from invading armies than from the invading desert."

The report was the focus of a symposium held in Cairo last week for aid donors and beneficiaries in Africa arranged by the African Development Bank (ADB), the continent's top development aid agency, to promote greater care of natural resources in development schemes.

In only 900 days between the start of the World Commission study and compilation of its report last April, it notes, Africa's drought-triggered "environmental development crisis" peaked, putting 35 million people at risk, killing perhaps a million.

An estimated 60 million people worldwide died of diarrhoeal diseases linked to unsafe drinking water and malnutrition in that time. Most were children, it added.

Despite increased awareness of the threat of environmental decay, the report warned, the deterioration "continues unabated, partly causing food shortages and famine which still haunt millions of African people."

Nearly four million hectares of forest are denuded every year in Africa, where many people rely heavily on wood for fuel.

This represents more than a

third of some 11 million hectares destroyed every year worldwide which, over three decades, would ravage land equal to the size of India, it says.

Most of this woodland is reduced to low-grade farmland, unable to support the farmers it settles, it said.

The severe drought in Africa from 1982 to 1985, ironically, had some benefit. It reduced the numbers of animals which, until then, had been 50 to 100 per cent higher in many parts than the rangelands could support.

The combination of livestock overgrazing, deforestation and desertification in Africa had destroyed 90 million hectares of land in the last 67 years, the biggest area to suffer in any continent.

As a result much of the land has become unsuitable for farming, one of Africa's top economic priorities. And, with the population rising rapidly, land unfit for farming was being over-cultivated and exposed to soil erosion.

Environmental decay in any one area, the report notes, has a far-reaching impact.

"Deforestation by highland farmers causes flooding on lowland farms, factory pollution robs local fishermen of their catch ... Dryland degradation sends refugees in their millions across national borders."

The report says the recent crisis in Africa, where total foreign debt is estimated to have soared by one-third in only four years, most tragically illustrates the ways in which conflict between economic activities and ecology can cause disaster.

The African crisis is triggered by drought but the causes lie deeper, it says, sketching a vicious circle in which mounting poverty leads to heavier demands than resources can bear, which in turn breeds more impoverishment.

"They are to be found in part in national policies that gave too little attention, too late, to the needs of smallholder agriculture and to the threats posed by rapidly rising populations."

"Their roots extend also to a global economic system that takes more out of a poor continent than it puts in."

Debt crises mean growing poverty and unemployment in countries pushed to export growing amounts of scarce resources, it adds.

Royal Shakespeare Company in crisis

By Michael West
The Associated Press

LONDON — The world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Company says it is plagued by financial problems that may force the closure of its theatrical base at Stratford-Upon-Avon.

The company issued a statement Monday saying its "only hope" is that private companies and banks will heed its urgent call for increased sponsorship.

"We have put out a lot of feelers in the city," London's financial district, the statement said. "All our efforts between now and December will go into finding an alternative solution to closing a theatre."

The company, whose shows, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* and *Les Misérables* are big Broadway successes, confirmed a report in the London Sunday Times that its deficit could lead to closure of its theatrical base at Stratford-Upon-Avon. William Shakespeare was born in the central English city in 1564.

"It's something that's being considered," said the company's

spokesman, Peter Harlock. He said the Royal Shakespeare Company operates six theatres.

But he added that closing the Stratford-Upon-Avon headquarters was less likely than closing its London base, the London theatre, at the Barbican arts complex.

"If you cut Stratford you don't have an organisation. It's our headquarters; we're based there emotionally and geographically. All our Shakespeares (productions of Shakespeare's plays) originate there," he said.

"It would be like committing hara-kiri at the world-renowned home of William Shakespeare," he said.

A decision on the closing will be made by December, he said. Harlock said increased private sponsorship was the only way to avoid "major surgery" to make up a deficit of £1.1 million (\$1.7 million).

He blamed the deficit on a fall in box office receipts at the London theatre last year, which he said were due to a spate of poorly received shows and a drop in the number of tourists.

He also criticised the government-funded Arts Council for refusing to increase its annual grant to the company.

Despite improved box office receipts so far this season, the company forecasts a shortfall of up to £630,000 (\$1.02 million) for 1987-88.

The company's Arts Council grant for the year is £5.2 million (\$8.4 million). The Royal Shakespeare Company gets the smallest subsidy of Britain's "big four" arts companies, which include the Royal Opera House, the English National Opera, and the National Theatre.

Two years ago the National Theatre closed the smallest of its three London auditoriums to save money.

In the past, the Royal Shakespeare Company has raised about £300,000 (\$489,000) a year from businesses in the form of sponsorship for individual productions.

The company's crisis comes at a time when it has a leading position in cultural news worldwide.

On June 7, *Les Misérables*

swept Broadway's Tony Awards, winning eight prizes. The play had its English-language premiere at the London Theatre in October 1985.

Meanwhile, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, Christopher Hampton's dramatisation of Choderlos de Laclos' novel, is playing to near-capacity crowds in London and on Broadway, where it received seven Tony nominations.

To date the Royal Shakespeare Company has made £500,000 (\$815,000) from the transfer of *Les Misérables* to London's commercial West End in December 1985, Harlock said. On Broadway, where the musical opened in March, the company has made about £38,000.

The company has made £100,000 (\$163,000) from *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* in the West End and about \$15,000 on Broadway. The play is potentially more lucrative than the musical, since the Royal Shakespeare Company itself owns the licensing rights to it, whereas producer Cameron Mackintosh owns the rights to *Les Misérables*.

Randa Habibi's

A 'battle' to be won

HIS Majesty King Hussein's decision to entrust His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to head an independent national committee of intellectuals to rewrite Jordan's modern history is a most significant and encouraging step towards the whole reassessment of the educational system in the Kingdom, that the Crown Prince has been pursuing.

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Books provided now by the Ministry of Education for Arabic language teaching at schools, are dull, unattractive, and non-stimulating, especially in the case of books targeted at the younger generation. Contrary to the English books, that students find enjoyable colourful, interesting and full of fun, the Arabic language books are just a heap of literature and grammar without life.

Unaided by the development of printing techniques, Arabic language textbooks still carry sketches which appear to be from a past century. And why should it be so? Our students are entitled to enjoy their Arabic language studies. Studying must become pleasurable and school a nice place to go to. We must not hear anymore an educator compare the 'tawjidi' to a 'battle.' And we must not see anymore schools which lack comfort and hygiene, like so many public schools do. I am confident today that a new era for education in Jordan has started. We need it badly, and we will eagerly watch it happen.



Research for relieving pain

From The Pain Relief Foundation

Colonel Dr. Marwan J'mean of the Royal Jordanian Medical Services is shown here with British television personality Magnus Magnusson, himself recently returned from filming in Jordan, at the opening of the Pain Relief Foundation's new £¼ million research centre in Liverpool. Colonel J'mean is spending a year studying pain relief techniques at the Foundation, the only institute in the world entirely devoted to research into the causes and treatment of chronic human pain. It also runs courses and training sessions for doctors and scientists from all over the world. The Foundation, which is wholly funded by charitable donations, collaborates closely with Walton Hospital's Centre for Pain Relief, and Colonel J'mean will be working with Dr. Chris Wells, the Centre's Director, with a view to the introduction of similar 'Pain Clinics' in Jordan. He will also be cooperating on a scientific research project with Dr. Paul Hardy. The Pain Relief Foundation's Administrator, Mr. A.R. Jones, first met Colonel J'mean during a visit to Jordan with a St. John contingent in 1979. Mr. Jones is an Officer of the Order of St. John and a member of the St. John Council for Merseyside. The visit to Jordan was arranged through the personal courtesy of Royal Medical Services Director Dr. P. Hapania, with whom Mr. Jones maintains a close correspondence. It is hoped that Dr. J'mean's stay will be the first of many which will forge further links between the two countries.

South Koreans worry about effects of tear gas

Demonstrations in South Korea are being controlled by police using more and more tear gas. Maggie Ford writes about fears of the effects on demonstrators and innocent bystanders.

SEOUL — A seasoned American businessman recently asked a colleague newly-arrived in Seoul whether he was taking Korean language lessons. The colleague replied that he had decided to study at Yonsei University. "Oh dear," said the businessman, "how will you cope with the tear gas?"

Avoiding the effects of the weapon which police use to disperse demonstrators is a problem which affects most residents of Seoul. Tear gas shells are fired by the dozen at a number of universities routinely every day, but the fumes spread well beyond campus.

Along with tears, they produce a burning sensation in the throat and eyes, coughing and sneezing. Those exposed regularly report respiratory and skin problems. Concern about long-term effects, especially on children, means that people choose carefully where they live. University areas are at the top of the unpopularity list.

As South Korea starts another period in which demonstrations are likely to spill out of the campuses and into the streets, complaints about the use of tear gas are beginning to mount.

As the ruling Democratic Justice Party held its national convention, a rally in the centre of Seoul protested against the suspension of talks leading to democracy and the torture scandal which led to a number of cabinet sackings.

It had been announced that thousands of riot police would be mobilised to block the demonstration. For the third time this year downtown Seoul suffered waves of tear gas as groups heading towards the rallying point were dispersed.

South Koreans may well be thankful that the police do not use more violent tactics, as is common in other countries, where deaths can occur during anti-government activity. But fears are growing over the effect

of large volume of tear gas used over long periods.

Environmentalists have noted that trees are dying on university campuses and birds and insects have departed because of the effects of the stronger tear gas used over the past few years. Medical staff at the teaching hospital attached to Yonsei university complain that patients, particularly children, suffer when the fumes drift into wards.

A woman university professor, writing in a pro-government newspaper, expressed her worry that so many women students at universities were being exposed to tear gas, whether they were involved in demonstrations or not. The health of future generations of children might be affected, she said.

The volume of tear gas used has increased significantly over the past few years. In 1985, according to Ministry of Home Affairs figures, 204,000 shells were fired. In the first nine months of 1986 the figure had gone up by 313,200, costing \$6.7 million.

The total cost for the nine months of policing demonstra-

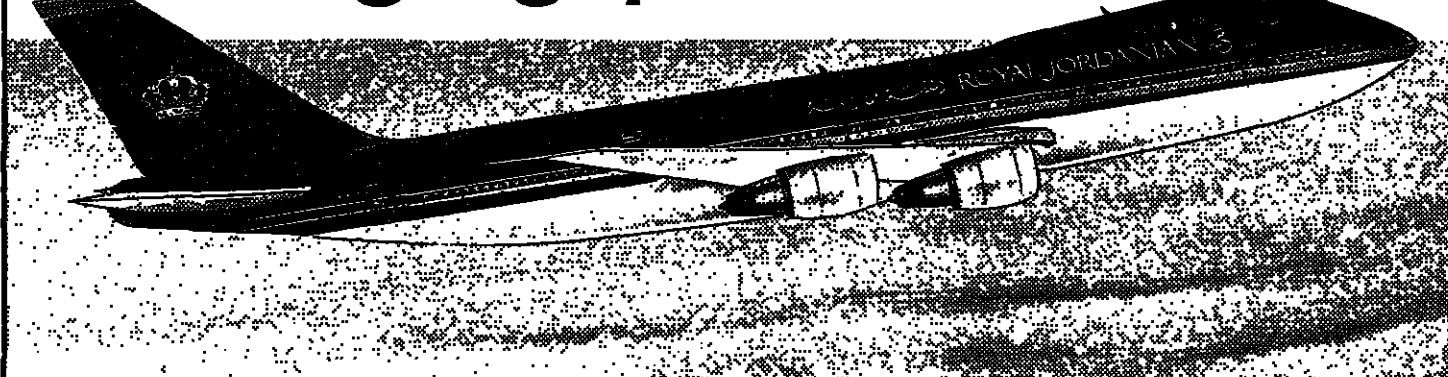
tions was \$73 million. In comparison, the cost of normal police criminal investigations was projected at \$17 million for 1987. The cost for the whole of last year is likely to be somewhat higher due to the substantial supplies of gas dispensed at the Konkuk university siege in October and at a large demonstration in downtown Seoul in November.

This year's total will be boosted by police activity in the provincial city of Kwangju, where residents commemorated in May the 1980 uprising against the Chun government. So much tear gas was used that one local resident was moved to comment that it was "like a campaign to exterminate insects."

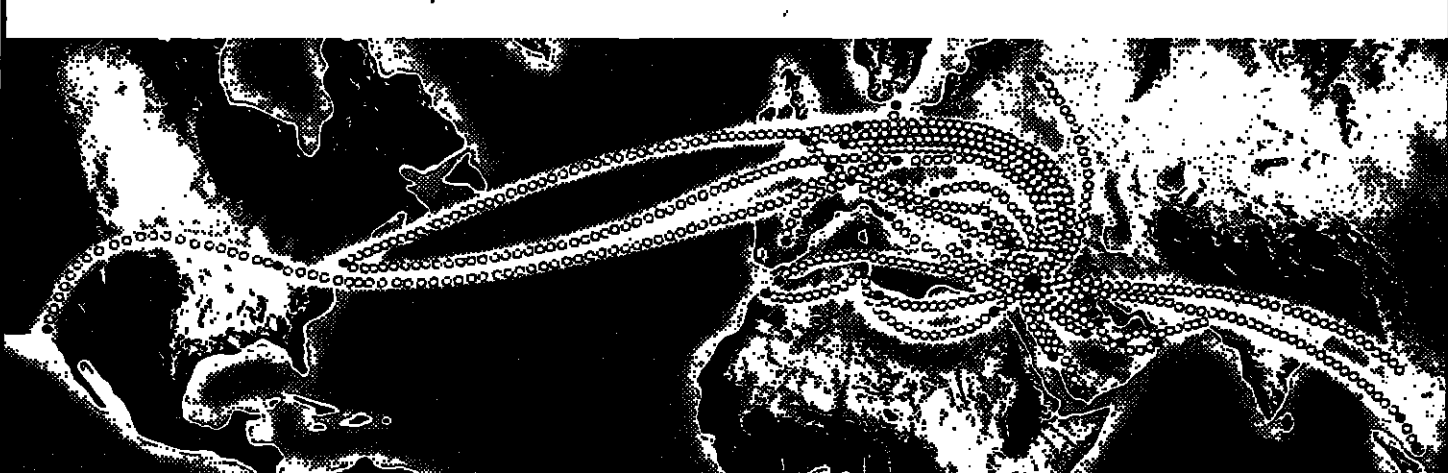
Shops, offices, restaurants and hotels were forced to close and hoses brought out to wash away the powder residue left behind by the shells. Sales of facemasks rocketed — for better protection smear the inside of the mask with toothpaste. Riot police themselves are issued will full-face gas masks.

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IOC says 'no change' in holding games in Seoul

LONDON (AP) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said Wednesday that violent political demonstrations in South Korea have made "absolutely no change" in its plans to hold the 1988 games in Seoul.

Michele Verrier, the IOC spokeswoman, said that barring an act of war, the Olympics next year would remain in the South Korean capital, where they were awarded in 1981.

Protests against the regime of President Chun Doo-Hwan have been taking place sporadically for several years, primarily among students on university campuses in Seoul and other South Korean cities.

Last week, after the ruling Democratic Justice Party endorsed Roh Tae-Woo to succeed Chun when he steps down next February, the protests spread to middle-class areas of Seoul and into surrounding provinces. The demonstrations have led to

clashes with riot police.

On Tuesday in Washington, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, an underdog candidate for the Democratic nomination for the 1988 Olympics, said the 1988 Olympics should be moved out of South Korea if political conditions there do not improve.

He said the Chun-Roh line of succession placed "the very spirit of the Olympic games" in jeopardy and called for the United States to lead a boycott of the Seoul games unless there were "measurable improvements" in human rights in the country.

Verrier, however, said the games were not about to be moved.

"The position is quite clear.

The games have been awarded to Seoul in '81 and there is absolutely no change in our position," she said in a telephone interview from IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The only provision in the Olympic charter for changing the site of the games, she said, "is an act of war."

Asked if that could mean a war against an outside force or a civil war, Verrier replied: "that could be an explanation for the IOC and that could be a reason for the IOC to move."

But she stressed that, "so far there is no change. There is absolutely no plan within the IOC to change anything concerning the games in Korea."

She said IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch was in Canada this week, and did not know whether he had been in contact with South Korean officials regarding the demonstrations.

Norway beats France in 1st group 3 triumph

OSLO (AP) — Norway upset title defender France 2-0 in their European Soccer Championship Group 3 qualification match Tuesday night.

The surprise result at Oslo's rain-soaked Ullevaal Stadium left the Soviet Union as the undisputed favorite to win the group with eight games still to be played next fall.

After a first half without clear scoring chances on either side, Norway dominated the second half as the partly new and rejuvenated French team came to find opening in the tight Norwegian defense.

France's best chances came on hard shots from long range by Gerald Passi of Toulouse, but Norwegian goalie Erick Thorstvedt of Borussia Moenchengladbach saved both attempts.

Scoring for Norway on solo counter-attacks were per Edmund Mordt of IFK Gothenburg and Jørn Andersen of F.C. Nurnberg, in the 70th and 80th minutes of play.

The victory, witnessed by only 8,200 fans in rainy, cold weather, was Norway's first triumph — and first goals — in its four Group 3 matches so far.

U.S. pilot flying to Moscow aboard a Beechcraft — legally

WASHINGTON (R) — An American pilot has taken off for Moscow to commemorate a 1937 Soviet flight to the United States and it's all legal, unlike the case of a young West German who landed near the Kremlin Wall last month.

"I want this flight to be one of my minor contributions to détente," aviator Millard Harmon said of his latest adventure, an attempt to add to the 134 flight speed records he holds.

Although few spectators were on hand to watch Harmon's departure on Tuesday, and was expected to have a red-carpet reception when he arrives at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport later on Wednesday.

"No, I don't intend to land in Red Square," he joked, referring to 19-year-old Mathias Rust, the West German who flew a small plane from Helsinki to Moscow last month.

He added that his expected warm welcome might be intended by Moscow as showing the world, "see, we even let an American fly in, if he does it the right way and under the rules."

Harmon, 63, whose ties to the Soviet Union date back to 1958 when he studied education methods there, said the biggest transgression Rust committed "was his landing so close to Lenin's tomb.... I think, frankly, that was a gross error."

Harmon, who started flying in World War II, hopes to arrive in Moscow in time for the 50th anniversary celebration of a 1937 flight over the North Pole by three Russian aviators in a specially-designed Tupolev single-engine plane.

General Georgie Phillip Baidukov, 84, one of the three crew members aboard the 63-hour, 23-

minute flight from Moscow to Vancouver, Washington, 50 years ago, is chairman of the committee organizing the celebration.

Harmon, accompanied by a National Aeronautics Association observer, said he plans brief refueling stops at Goose Bay, Newfoundland, Reykjavik, Iceland, and Helsinki, where a Soviet navigator will board for the final leg of the trip.

Harmon and another Soviet navigator already share a Helsinki-Moscow speed record for a small plane flight.

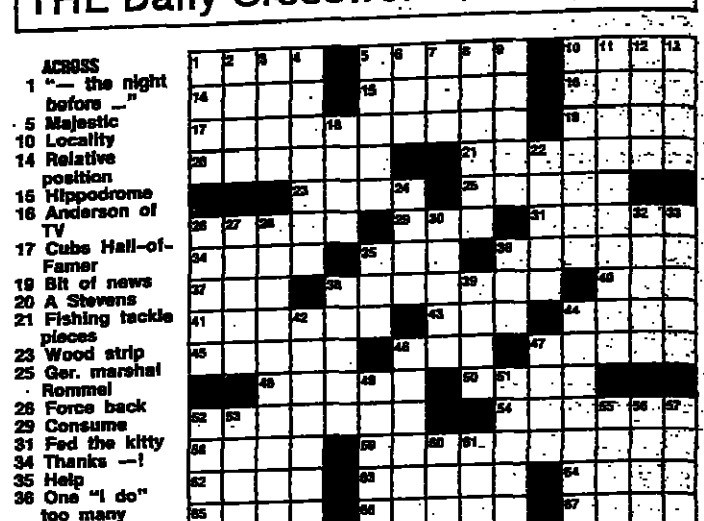
The Soviet Union approved Harmon's flight plan more than two months ago and his photograph appeared on the front page of the Communist Party paper Pravda in May.

Altogether, he expects it will take nearly 36 hours and, if he makes it, the flight would be a first for a plane of this type — a decal-bedecked red and white single-engine 1969 Beechcraft he used to set other records.

Harmon, a school administrator who has been retired since 1983, said that he is spending some \$20,000 of his own money on the trip and does not know what he plans to do next.

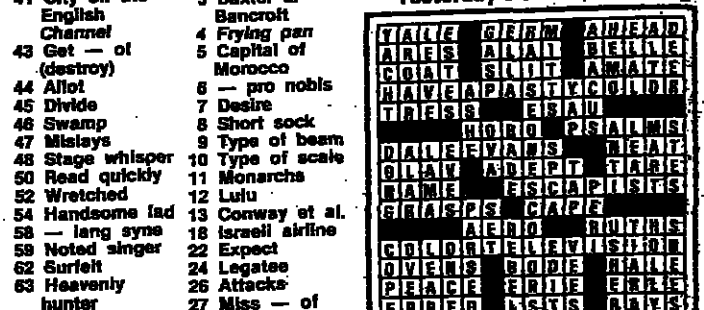
"My wife is waiting for me to retire again — from the speed record business," he said.

THE Daily Crossword by Stanley B. Whitman



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Dutch cyclist wins Tour of Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Dutch pro cycling veteran Gerrie Knetemann held on to win the week-long Tour of Sweden on Tuesday after his team's support riders successfully fended off breakaway attempts from some of the world's leading amateur racers.

Knetemann, a former world pro open-road champion, captured his 127th pro victory 1 minute and 19 seconds ahead of Polish amateur Andrej Mierzejewski. Per Moberg of Sweden, another amateur and the big surprise of the race, was third, 2:45 behind.

Fourth went to Jan Schur, one of several East German amateur stars in the race. France's Denis Roux was fifth.

Jean Paul van Poppel of Holland won the seventh and final leg, a 147-kilometre race from Nyköping to Stockholm. It was the third leg victory for Van Poppel, who sprinted ahead of East German Uwe Raab and Herman Frison of Belgium.

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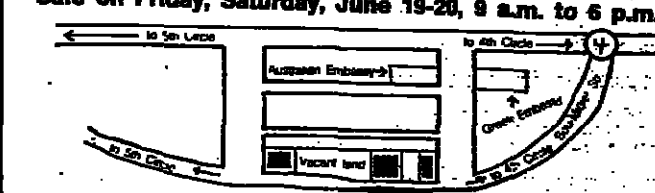
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Toyota recalls 1.3 million cars over ignition fault

TOKYO (R) — Toyota said Wednesday it was recalling more than 1.3 million cars, including 875,000 export models because of an ignition system defect.

A company spokesman said no accidents had been attributed to the fault, which in rare cases could stop the engine.

The recall includes 875,000 Tercel, Corolla, Camry and Van passenger cars made between July 1982 and September 1985 for export, and 481,000 Celica, Starlet, Carina and Corona models made between June 1981 and September 1985 for sale in Japan.

In addition, a spokesman for a

Daihatsu said his firm was recalling 331 Delta wide wagons made between May 1982 and September 1985 because of the same fault.

The faulty parts, which regulate the electricity supply to the sparking plugs, were made for the two companies by an outside supplier.

Most of the exported cars went to the United States, with the remainder to 16 other countries including Australia, Canada, and several European nations, Toyota said.

Toyota will replace the faulty parts free of charge.

Italian election buoys market

ROME (R) — Italy's general election results, with a drop in support for the communists, sent a jubilant Milan bourse soaring but the enthusiasm of some business leaders was tempered by doubts on the long-term outlook.

Share prices, buoyed by strong foreign demand, showed their biggest one-day rise since September. The MIB share index closed 2.69 per cent up at 992.

That compared with a 3.52 per cent rise last Sept. 23.

Tycoon Carlo De Benedetti, head of Olivetti, said on television he thought the reaction of international markets to the loss of communist seats in parliament would be "extremely positive."

As of today, we export an Italy more European," he said.

Mr. Isidoro Albertini, head of Milan stockbrokers studio Alber-

ini, told Reuters he thought the results would revive foreign investor confidence in Italy.

Mr. Giovanni Palladino, head of the research unit of state credit concern Istituto Mobiliare Italiano, told Reuters he believed the result was a vote for capitalism and privatisation and that a new Italian government would have to recognise this.

Measures were needed to encourage private savers to invest in Italy without fear of being penalised financially and to encourage private sector initiatives in state-dominated areas such as pension funds, he said.

Bank of Italy Governor Carlo Ciampi said two weeks ago that the economy was the most vulnerable to instability of all the industrial economies.

Dollar firms

LONDON (R) — The dollar made new gains Wednesday, trading around 145 yen, and booming stock markets around the globe pushed further into record territory.

Tokyo share prices ended at a record, after a Wall Street record close Tuesday night. London shares were at all-time highs Wednesday morning.

"The concerns that were weighing on the market in April and May have eased significantly," said Mr. Monte Gordon, analyst at New York brokerage Dreyfus Corp. in a comment on Wall Street's rebound.

The Dow Jones industrial average there closed up 16 at 2,407 points Tuesday night. The previous record was 2,405 on April 6.

New confidence on the dollar, as fears abated that the United States would have to drive interest rates higher to defend it, helped Wall Street up.

The dollar closed higher in Tokyo Wednesday at 145.10 yen, up from 144.70 in New York Tuesday night. It traded in Europe Wednesday morning around 144.95 yen.

Except for a blip on June 1, the dollar has languished below 145 yen since early April.

India wants \$4.8b in aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — India will seek \$4.8 billion in 1987 aid at a meeting of donor governments and international bodies in Paris next week, a high World Bank official said Tuesday.

Mr. W. David Hopper, the bank's new senior vice president for policy, told reporters that about \$2.8 billion will be sought from the bank itself, the biggest source of aid to raise living standards in poor countries.

He calculated that the bank, owned by 151 countries, will furnish India, its biggest borrower, about \$2.2 billion at a variable rate of interest now 7.92 per cent a year, and \$600 million in 50-year loans at less than one per cent.

Mr. Hopper will chair the annual donors' meeting Monday and Tuesday. It will bring together 14 governments, including the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France and Switzerland, and six international organizations.

India, one of the world's poorest countries, had an average income of \$270 in 1985. However, a summary of the country's situation, prepared for reporters in advance of the Paris meeting said India's national income has been growing at the comparatively high rate of five per cent a year.

That growth contrasts with many poor countries in Africa and Latin America, where income has been declining.

The bank said the proportion dropped to 37.4 per cent in 1983-4. In 1977-8 it was 48.3 per cent, nearly half the country's 750 million population. It calculates the Indian poverty line at an income of about \$100 a year per person.

Syria seeks Soviet assistance for oil, hydroelectric industries

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria would like Soviet aid for new hydroelectric projects and other industries including oil, minister of state for planning, Mr. Sabah Bajajji, said Tuesday.

He spoke at a joint Syrian-Soviet economic commission started its ninth session within the framework of a 1980 treaty of friendship and cooperation.

The Syrian news agency SANA quoted the head of the Soviet delegation, Mr. Konstantin Katushev, as saying protocols would be signed on economic, scientific and technical cooperation.

The current talks will open new doors for consolidating cooperation in different economic areas," said Mr. Katushev, chairman of the Soviet state committee for foreign economic relations.

Mr. Bajajji told reporters:

Papandreou urges more foreign investment in Greece

ATHENS (R) — Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou on Wednesday urged foreign businessmen to invest in Greece, saying his government's determination to develop the country's economy was the best incentive and guarantee for doing so.

"Some people might find it strange to hear a socialist prime minister stress the significance of private profit ... but the creative businessman, the renovator of the economy, the risk-taking businessman, we hope to have him always next to us," he said.

Mr. Papandreou made what diplomats described as an important economic policy speech at a luncheon here attended by about 1,000 members of the United States, British, French, West German and Italian chambers of commerce.

"We call on private businessmen, both Greek and foreign, to tie their wagons behind the engine of the Greek government's public investment programmes," he said.

Mr. Papandreou said a two-year government austerity programme which started in October, 1985, had been successful. Inflation fell from 25 per cent in 1985 to 16.9 last year and the current account deficit had been reduced from \$3.2 billion in 1985 to \$1.7 billion last year.

This "allows no doubt about the country's guarantees," he said, adding: "We welcome and encourage foreign investments and are prepared to leave enough room for investors to take part in the country's development programmes."

The government has earmarked billions of dollars for development programmes over the next few years, including a second airport and underground system for Athens and a major irrigation system in northern Greece.

Mr. Papandreou said Greece offered a first-class network of international transport, telecommunications and a worldwide pioneer in merchant shipping.

He pledged his government would wipe out what he called bureaucratic obstructions still blocking the free flow of capital into the country.

West Germans may, as of Wednesday, own

The modern ECU is a basket comprising the currencies of the 12 EC nations, except for Spain and Portugal, the last two to join.

The Bundesbank, West Germany's central bank, said its decision to let individual own ECUs reflected the easing of restrictions on flows of money between EC member states and the ECU's increasing importance in finance and trade.

Economists said Wednesday's announcement suggested the Bundesbank was no longer afraid that closer links between the mark and other European currencies would take control of West Germany's supply of money out of the hands of West German banks.

U.S. economy grows robustly

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The U.S. economy grew at a robust annual rate of 4.8 per cent between January and March after adjusting for inflation, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

The rise in gross national product (GNP), which is the total output of goods and services, was revised upward from the 4.4 per cent estimate given last month.

It was the fastest pace of growth since the second quarter of 1984, when GNP expanded at a 5.0 per cent annual rate. The latest figures reflected gains in narrowing the trade deficit, the department said.

However, inflation, as measured by the GNP price deflator, was sharply higher in the first quarter — 4.2 per cent against 0.7 per cent in the 1986 fourth quarter.

The Commerce Department also said after-tax profits of corporations fell 3.9 per cent in the first quarter. The drop was originally reported as 5.5 per cent.

The Reagan administration is predicting the economy will strengthen this year, growing by 3.2 per cent in real terms for all of 1987, compared with 2.5 per cent in 1986.

Inflation is expected to be higher because the weaker dollar has raised prices of imports and energy prices have rebounded from the extraordinary lows of last year.

Financial markets were unnerved by the twin spectres of rising interest rates and unstable dollar in April and May but have been reassured in recent weeks. Wall Street stocks closed at a record high Tuesday.

The government reported Tuesday that the U.S. current account deficit, the broadest measure of trade, improved in the first quarter and industrial production rose 0.5 per cent in May, boosting the dollar.

GNP's 4.8 per cent rate of growth in the January-March period followed a weak 1.1 per cent rate in the 1986 fourth quarter.

White House chief economic adviser, Mr. Beryl Sprinkel, told a group of financial planners that prospects were favourable for extending the U.S. economic expansion into next year, making it the longest period of peacetime growth in more than a century.

Meanwhile, the government said earlier that the United States led the industrialised world in improving its manufacturing efficiency last year and was the only major country to reduce effective labour costs.

The 3.5 per cent increase in U.S. labour productivity in 1986 in terms of output per hour was more than double the average improvement of nine major competitors, outpacing gains of 2.9 per cent in Great Britain, 2.8 per cent in Japan and 1.9 per cent in West Germany and France, the Labour Department said.

It was the first year since 1950, when the department's Bureau of Labour statistics began making international comparisons on manufacturing productivity, that the United States outpaced all its major competitors.

More big U.S. banks increase loan loss reserves

NEW YORK (AP) — Manufacturers Hanover Corp. added \$1.7 billion and Bankers Trust New York Corp. added \$700 million Tuesday to their reserves for potentially bad foreign loans, joining the growing number of banks taking the step.

Manufacturers Hanover, the nation's sixth-largest bank holding company, stated the reserve addition would give it a second quarter loss of about \$1.4 billion and an annual loss this year of about \$1.05 billion.

Bankers Trust, the nation's eighth-largest bank holding company, said it would lose about \$570 million in the second quarter, and \$150 million to \$200 million for the full year.

Both companies said they were increasing their reserves because of Brazil's recent decision to suspend interest payments on some of its foreign loans and because of the shaky economies of other Third World nations.

They also said the action was taken in light of similar moves by other major banks.

Last month, Citicorp became the first banking company to make a major addition to its loan loss reserve, announcing a \$3 billion increase, and companies including Chase Manhattan Corp., Chemical New York Corp. and First Interstate Corp. followed suit.

Analysts had speculated that troubled institutions such as Bankamerica Corp. might be unwilling to take another big loss to bolster reserves.

Bankamerica lost \$855 million

in its last two fiscal years, and had hoped to return to operating profitability this year as a result of asset sales and heavy cost-cutting.

After Citicorp boosted its reserves, Bankamerica maintained that its own reserves were adequate. However, the San Francisco-based company last week added \$1.1 billion to reserves and said it expected a \$1 billion second quarter loss as a result.

The \$1.7 billion addition increased Manufacturers Hanover's reserve to \$2.7 billion, or about 4.9 per cent of its total loans. The figure also represents 77 per cent of all non-performing loans, the company said.

At Bankers Trust, the \$700 million addition boosted its reserve to approximately \$1.3 billion, or about 4.9 per cent of its total loans. The figure amounted to 100 per cent of non-performing loans, said Mr. Thomas Parisi, a Bankers Trust spokesman.

Bankers Trust said its total reserve for bad loans amounted to about 25 per cent of its approximately \$4 billion in restructured loans to developing nations.

Manufacturers Hanover's \$7.5 billion Third World loan portfolio is one of the biggest among U.S. banks, and includes \$2.32 billion in loans to Brazil, \$1.9 billion to Mexico and \$1 billion to Venezuela.

Citicorp quits S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Citicorp, the largest bank in the United States, announced Tuesday it was pulling out of South Africa as a campaign of divestment over Pretoria's racial policies gained momentum.

Citicorp Chairman John Reed, in a statement released in Johannesburg, said the bank's local subsidiary, Citibank N.A. Ltd. S.A., was being sold to South Africa's biggest bank, First National Bank, for 130 million rand (\$65 million).

The announcement came just two days after the Ford Motor Company said it was negotiating to dispose of its operation in South Africa.

More than 100 foreign firms have quit South Africa since mass anti-apartheid riots erupted in its black townships three years ago.

Mr. Reed said his bank regretted the move, but added: "Current constraints on Citicorp have made it increasingly difficult to meet the needs of its South African clients in the manner they have a right to expect."

First National Managing Director Chris Ball told a hastily convened news conference that Citicorp approached his bank about the deal four weeks ago. He said

Citicorp's South African name would be changed soon.

Two weeks ago U.S. black anti-apartheid crusader Reverend Leon Sullivan urged all American firms to leave South Africa, arguing that years of trying to end apartheid race discrimination through business involvement had failed.

The Citicorp move was made on the day the voteless black majority commemorated 1976 riots which erupted in Soweto township outside Johannesburg to claim 575 lives nationwide.

He said First National "has the capability and position to capitalise on the opportunity of the business being sold and to realise the full potential of Citicorp's multiracial South African staff."

First National became fully South African earlier this year after Barclays Bank of Britain, under pressure from opponents of Pretoria's apartheid race policies, sold its 40 per cent stake to South African conglomerates.

More than 2,500 people have died in riots since 1984 and foreign businessmen have grown increasingly critical of the white-led government, especially since it imposed a national state of emergency a year ago.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: There's an opportunity to extend your deep-seated desires today. Go through with that wise course of action you've planned. Get your mind and emotions in sync.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Confidently see the wisest adviser you know. A good friend can be of assistance to you now.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Look to a good friend for assistance in gaining your personal aims, but steer clear of a greedy entrepreneur.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Place your efforts in worldly affairs and civic duties. It's not a good day to consider your personal goals.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Study into new outlets that can help you advance, but be more broad-minded for best results.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) A wise person can tell you how to solve a practical matter. Try to please your mate in some special way tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Ask an associate for advice on how to improve your routines. Avoid an important person who's not so friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try to get your environment more as you would like it. Co-workers can be helpful, but not your mate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) There are several ways you can get your abilities to the attention of influential people, thus gaining their backing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't go off on any outside tangents today. Kin can give you fine advice, but outsiders have poor ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be alert to communications that can bring you greater success. Steer clear of an irate co-worker.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Focus your attention on whatever can bring you greater success. Avoid arguments with your mate.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Your ideas can be fine provided you enlarge them in scope. Be with good friends tonight and have fun.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will have intuitive perceptions that are excellent and will be alert to whatever is going on around him, or her. Teach your progeny to keep promises made. Restlessness may develop if this child's sensitivity is hurt; so be gentle with discipline.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You start out the day with very good business judgment. Push ahead with whatever you have in mind, but put your best effort into it so that it works smoothly.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Use good judgment and you can increase production at this time. Don't run off on any tangents.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be energetic in trying to gain your personal wishes. Your friends can be helpful to you now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Don't argue with a talkative associate. Make a good impression on an influential person.

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1,000 Communist rebels surrender en masse in southern Philippines

SURIGAO DEL SUR, Philippines (R) — More than 1,000 Communist guerrillas surrendered Wednesday and exposed an elaborate underground leftist provisional government in the southern Philippines.

Government and military officials said those surrendering on Mindanao Island included a town mayor, rebel lecturers and propagandists and hundreds of armed regulars in the Communist New People's Army (NPA).

It was the first time in the 16-year-long guerrilla war that Communist rebels surrendered en masse and exposed a leftist shadow government that collected taxes in the villages, Surigao Del Sur Governor Felicidad Pimentel told Reuters.

In surrender ceremonies in the provincial capital of Tandag, the former rebels renounced membership of the outlawed Communist Party and burned the party's hammer and sickle flag. Ms. Pimentel said.

She said the surrender followed organisation of civilian vigilante

groups in the province known as "People's Guardians" which had been effective in combating the NPA.

In Manila, police Wednesday shot dead two more alleged "Sparrow" Communist hitmen whom they said were trying to ambush a policeman in the Philippines capital.

Witnesses told police four men shot at a member of the Paramilitary Capital Command as he slowed his car to turn a corner in a southern suburb.

The policeman, seriously wounded in the attack, fired back, killing one of them, they said.

Another policeman in a following car killed the other, the witnesses said.

Capital Command Intelligence

chief Colonel Rex Piedad told Reuters one of the dead men was the southern Manila head of the Sparrows — so-named because of the speed of their attacks.

"They weren't fast enough this time. We were outnumbered, they had the element of surprise but we had the skill," he said.

Wednesday deaths brought to six the number of Sparrows the police say they have killed in an intensified drive in the last two weeks against assassinations on policemen and soldiers.

The Sparrows have claimed responsibility for 22 of 52 killings of policemen, soldiers and security guards in Manila since the start of the year.

Col. Piedad said one of those killed was Benjamin Garcia, alias Ka (Comrade) Russell, southern Manila head of the Sparrows.

Meanwhile, a senior government negotiator said Wednesday talks with secessionist rebels have not progressed but officials were hopeful Manila could prevent a new war with minority Muslims in

the southern Philippines.

Chief government negotiator Emmanuel Pelaez said peace talks with the rebel Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) collapsed last month but both sides had maintained informal contacts.

"There is a glimmer of hope," Mr. Pelaez told reporters after submitting a report to President Corason Aquino on Philippines bid to avert a new war in the southern island of Mindanao.

He said government negotiators were sent to Singapore during the weekend for secret talks with the MNLF who warned war would break out if the Philippines failed to attend talks under the auspices of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in Jeddah on June 18.

"We have sent a letter to the secretary-general of the OIC that we regret we cannot go to Jeddah because the proposal was arranged without prior consultation with us," Mr. Pelaez said.

15 hurt in Karachi riots

KARACHI (R) — At least 15 people were injured, seven with gunshot wounds when ethnic rioting broke out Wednesday in Pakistan's biggest city Karachi, hospital doctors and police said.

Police fired in the air after teargas failed to disperse rioters and arsonists in the eastern suburb of Shah Faisal Colony, near Karachi airport, police sources said. They added that 50 people had been detained.

At least 250 people have been killed in clashes between the rival communities of Mohajir immigrants and Pashtuns over the past eight months in the port city of more than seven million.

The new disturbances broke out overnight after the arrest of a dozen activists of the Punjabi-

Pashtun Ittehad Tehrik, a group formed recently to counter growing Mohajir militancy.

Residents of Shah Faisal Colony contacted by telephone said that trouble was continuing 11 hours later. Men from both sides fought each other and attacked shops, houses and passers-by with stones.

Doctors at the government's Jinnah Hospital said they treated seven people for gunshot wounds. But the eyewitnesses said several people with stab wounds and injuries from flying stones were trapped by the riots and could not get to hospital.

Many people took refuge in a nearby graveyard or on the main road to the airport.

Panama opposition ends strike

PANAMA CITY (R) — Business and opposition leaders in Panama have ended a nationwide strike and urged the government, in return, to lift a six-day-old state of emergency.

They announced the end of the strike, called last Wednesday as part of a protest movement aimed at ousting Panama's military chief and de facto ruler, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, at a news conference.

Though they described the strike as something that had given the anti-Noriega protest movement a moral victory, some opposition leaders acknowledged that they suffered a major setback as the strike petered out.

Despite the strike, most shops and businesses had been open since Saturday, when Panama began easing back to relative calm after street riots last week.

Antonio Dominguez, a wealthy businessman and close associate

of former President Arnulfo Arias, told Reuters: "We declared war without having any ammunition."

Gen. Noriega met at military headquarters a team of government legislators who passed a resolution late Monday blaming the disturbances on U.S.-backed anti-government conspirators.

Among those responsible for "high treason," the resolution said, were former President Nicolas Ardito Barletta, Gabriel Lewis Galindo, a prominent industrialist and former ambassador, to Washington, and Ricardo Arias Calderon, president of Panama's Christian Democratic Party.

At the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, reporters were shown a list of 100 people alleged to have been detained, injured or tortured by government security forces after the riots erupted last Tuesday.

Austria urges U.S. to drop Waldheim from watchlist

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Austrian government has urged the United States to remove a ban against President Kurt Waldheim and to refrain from sending suspected Nazi war criminals to Austria.

Two diplomatic notes were delivered by the Austrian Charge d'Affaires, Christian Prosl, to Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Rozanne Ridgway, said an Austrian embassy official who spoke on condition of not being identified.

The embassy official said Austria does not accept the U.S. distinction between Dr. Waldheim as an individual and Dr. Waldheim as a head of state. The United States cited that difference in explaining its April decision to place Dr. Waldheim on a watchlist that bars his entry to the

United States because of indications he may have been involved in Nazi war crimes.

Dr. Waldheim was elected by the Austrian people "and according to the Austrian constitution represents the republic," said the embassy official in quoting from the diplomatic note. "So the decision clearly affects the integrity of the federal president and thus has a vital political dimension for Austria and its role in the world."

He added that Austria had expected the United States to "let considerations of foreign policy prevail over other political considerations."

The reference to other political considerations concerns a resolution passed by Congress that called on the U.S. government to take action banning Dr. Waldheim from the United States.

U.S. court clears subway gunman of murder charges

NEW YORK (R) — Bernhard Goetz, cleared of all but one charge in the notorious "subway shootings" of four youths, seeks only to return to the private life he led before the case forced him into the spotlight.

"Mr. Goetz would like to go back to being an anonymous stranger in the city of New York," Goetz's attorney, Barry Slotnick, said after the criminal court verdict Tuesday. "All he wants to do now is fade into the woodwork."

Goetz, charged with four counts of attempted murder, four of assault, one of reckless endangerment and four weapons charges, was convicted of only one weapons charge, which carries a maximum penalty of seven years. His attorneys believe he may be given probation.

The 39-year-old electrical en-

gineer, who is white, admitted shooting the four black youths on a New York City underground on Dec. 22, 1984, claiming he was trying to fend off a potential mugging after the four surrounded him and demanded money.

Prosecutor Gregory Waples claimed that the youths were only begging for money and did not mean to harm Goetz.

A key to the prosecution case were two video-taped confessions Goetz made on New Year's Eve, 1984, in which he said he was "vicious" and wanted to hurt the youths as badly as he could.

The defence contended that Goetz was still so traumatised by the event that even nine days later the confessions could not be trusted, and juror Michael Axelrod believed that claim.

Indians vote for new assembly in Haryana

CHANDIGARH, India (R) — Voters turned out in large numbers Wednesday in the north Indian state of Haryana in an election seen as a major test for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's vote-winning powers.

Officials said nearly 65 per cent of the 8.7 million electorate braved heat above 40 degrees Centigrade (104 Fahrenheit) to cast their ballots across the dry and dusty farming state. There were no reports of violence.

Haryana, which borders Delhi and the troubled Sikh-majority state of Punjab, is part of the north Indian Hindi-speaking belt from which Mr. Gandhi's ruling Congress (I) Party draws its political muscle.

The vote for the 90-seat state assembly is Mr. Gandhi's first test in the party's traditional power base since he swept to power in national elections after his mother's assassination in 1984.

Since then Congress has suffered a string of election setbacks in other states and Mr. Gandhi is immersed in political wrangles and scandals in New Delhi that have tarnished his image as the "Mr. Clean" of Indian politics.

He faces a tough challenge in Haryana from the Lok Dal (People's Party) of 73-year-old former Chief Minister Devi Lal. Newspaper polls have forecast that Mr. Gandhi's party will lose control of the state.

The result will be known on Thursday evening.

Mr. Lal has campaigned hard, criticising Mr. Gandhi's 1985 peace pact with moderate Sikhs in neighbouring Punjab and his failure to stop the killings by Sikh separatists in Punjab which have sent Hindus refugees fleeing to Haryana.

Police in Punjab said they shot dead three suspected extremists near the Sikh holy city Amritsar Tuesday night, bringing this month's Punjab death toll to 52. More than 410 people have been killed in Punjab this year.

Police guarded polling stations in Haryana and checked all cars driving into Delhi where security has been stepped up since Sikh gunmen massacred 14 people last weekend.

Congress politicians and backers in Delhi are watching to see whether Mr. Gandhi can fight off Mr. Lal's challenge and prove his vote-winning abilities, or whether the erosion of his support has spread to his Hindi-speaking bastion.

Congress politicians say privately that the loss of Haryana would open a leadership debate in the ruling party.

Large queues formed outside polling booths in Haryana as women in colourful saris and men in white garb trundled to vote in rickshaws, bullock carts.

132 die in new China floods

PEKING (R) — Flash floods caused by torrential rains in the north China province of Shaanxi have killed 132 people and destroyed more than 10,000 houses in the past three weeks, the official People's Daily reported Wednesday.

The paper's overseas edition said 264 villages lining watercourses in the hilly region of southern Shaanxi had been completely washed away by floodwaters surging through the narrow valleys.

Nearly a million people in counties to the south and south east of the city of Xian have been affected by the disaster and about 70,000 hectares of farmland have been destroyed, it said.

The paper said "temporary arrangements" had been made to care for those left homeless. It gave no further details.

The death toll from floods in

Gansu province to the west of Shaanxi, also the result of sudden violent rainstorms, has risen to 23, the China Daily reported.

Nearly 100 people were killed in widespread flooding in south China last month.

Official figures released Wednesday put the final casualty toll in the country's huge forest fire as 193 dead and 226 injured.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) said 56,000 people were left homeless by the fire, which burned from May 6 to June 2 near the Soviet border in north-east Heilongjiang province.

The agency quoted a report to the State Council, China's top government body, as saying that 700,000 hectares (1.7 million acres) of forest were ravaged.

Five new fires have been spotted in Inner Mongolia in virgin forests to the south of Daxingganling the Chinese press reported.

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Le Pen shown half-dressed

PARIS (AP) — Jean-Marie Le Pen, the extreme-right leader whose ex-wife posed semi-nude in the current French edition of Playboy magazine, found himself pictured in a similar pose in the satirical weekly Le Canard Enchaîné. On its front page, the newspaper reproduced one of the Playboy photographs of Pierrette Lalanne, 50, alongside a photo of her ex-husband, his back to the camera, stepping into a pair of bathing trunks. Le Canard Enchaîné said the picture was taken in 1985 in New Caledonia, a French island in the Pacific, but did not explain how it was obtained. Le Pen, 58-year-old presidential candidate of the extreme right National Front, issued a statement Tuesday afternoon which, while not referring explicitly to the Canard, said he reserved the right "to authorise expressly and in advance the diffusion, reproduction and/or publication of any photograph depicting me or pertaining to my private life."

Man saves woman, gets shot

NEW YORK (AP) — A postal clerk who was shot in the back after he interrupted a gang attempting to rob a woman in a subway station says he had been waiting for the chance to be a hero. "I made up my mind a long time ago that I'd never sit by if something like this happened," James Pacheco said from his hospital bed. "It didn't hurt that much." Pacheco, 34, was in stable condition. Pacheco was waiting for a subway train in the Bronx, a New York City district, when six youths surrounded a 20-year-old woman sitting nearby. New York newspapers reported. "They asked her for money. One of them just said 'take it,'" the newspapers quoted Pacheco as saying. With that, Pacheco sprang to action. Pacheco attacked the six youths until he was beaten to the ground, the newspapers said. Seconds later, he had a bullet in his back, beneath the right shoulder. When a train came, Pacheco, the unidentified woman and the youths boarded. The motorcade stopped the train before another station to allow police to board the train, the newspapers reported. Three youths, two age 15 and one 14, were arrested and charged with attempted murder and assault, authorities said. The other three assailants were not apprehended.

Women to work on U.S. subs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women will have the right to work aboard submarines during sea trials as the result of an order by Navy Secretary James H. Webb, who was criticised earlier for his views against having women in military academies. Webb ordered that female technicians be allowed aboard submarines during sea trials to test new equipment. The action came in the case of Pamela A. Doviak Celi, a civilian engineering technician at the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, naval shipyard who had accused the navy of sex discrimination. The navy made clear that Webb's ruling would apply to any similarly qualified woman. Webb declared that "female civilian employees shall have full opportunity to embark in naval vessels on non-operational, short-term sea trials on the same basis as male civilian employees," the navy said.

Cuba honours 'Che' Guevara

HAVANA (R) — Cuba has begun a year-long celebration of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, the Marxist guerrilla who died 20 years ago fighting for a revolution he hoped would sweep Latin America. The year-long "national celebration of homage" to Guevara, an Argentine-born physician and Marxist ideologue, was announced Sunday on the 59th anniversary of his birth. The celebration marks a further stage in President Fidel Castro's "process of rectification" campaign, launched last year to renew Marxist discipline in Cuba, a government official said.

Managua denies pilots trained in Cuba on MiGs

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — President Daniel Ortega on Tuesday denied that Nicaraguan pilots are being trained in Cuba to fly Soviet-made MiG warplanes, saying such reports are the work of the U.S. government.

"These are fantasies and fiction invented by the North American government to justify its military presence in Nicaragua, its arming of Central America and to continue with its manoeuvres and threats of an invasion against our country," Mr. Ortega told reporters.

On Sunday, the Miami Herald reported from Washington that Sandinista government pilots have been training in Cuba with a squadron of MiG-21 aircraft.

The newspaper said the Cubans have assigned 17 to 20 MiG-21s to the Nicaraguan pilots and that there were 20 to 40

Nicaraguan pilots in Cuba at any given time.

Jets would give the Sandinista military the ability to attack the supply planes crossing into Nicaragua to parachute supplies to U.S. backed-rebels, also known as contras, trying to overthrow Mr. Ortega's government.

Mr. Ortega has often said that Nicaragua reserves the right to acquire warplanes such as the Soviet MiG. The United States has warned Nicaragua against acquiring warplanes.

The Sandinista Air Force has no jet fighters, but it does have dozens of Soviet assault and transport helicopters, which have been used effectively in the war against the rebels.

The air supply link is vital to the rebels. The supply flights have originated in Honduras and El Salvador.

U.S., Britain reportedly send missiles to Afghan rebels

LONDON (AP) — The United States and Britain have collaborated in a plan to send hundreds of British-made Blowpipe surface-to-air missiles to Afghan guerrillas fighting Soviet forces in Afghanistan, the newspaper the Independent reported Wednesday.

The London paper said the covert programme was run by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Britain's Mi6 secret intelligence service and exploited what it described as gaps in British controls on arms exports.

Blowpipe, which is carried by one person and is shoulder-launched, is made by Short Brothers Ltd. Short Brothers is a missile and light aircraft company owned by the British government and based in Belfast in Northern Ireland.

The paper said the operation began in 1985 after the guerrillas asked for anti-aircraft missiles to blunt Soviet air attacks.

It said the CIA was ready at that time to step up its support for the guerrillas and that an Mi6 officer who had established close contacts with the Afghan resistance was posted to the British Joint Intelligence Committee

staff at the British cabinet office.

Former Afghan King rejects power sharing

ROME (AP) — Exiled Afghan King Mohammad Zaher Shah has rejected a suggestion from the Soviet-backed government in Kabul to share power in a coalition government, his spokesman was quoted as saying.

The Italian News Agency ANSA quoted the unidentified spokesman as saying the former ruler would not accept "sharing power" with the current Communist leader of Afghanistan, Najib.

The former monarch, 73, was deposed in a coup in 1973 while he was in Rome for medical reasons and has lived here ever since.

Afghan Communist Party leader Najib told a Communist plenum in Kabul on June 10 that the government should open up to supporters of the former monarchy and "should be ready to meet half-way with anyone who is ready to enter into a coalition," according to a report Monday by the Soviet News Agency TASS.

GOREN BRIDGE

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IS FOR SAFETY PLAY

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 5
♥ A 8
♦ K J 8 4 2
♣ K 6 3 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ 7 3
♣ A J 10 9

SOUTH
♠ A 3
♥ K 7
♦ A Q 10 9 6
♣ Q 7 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 NT Pass 4 ♠ Pass
5 ♣ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

You can't go through life without insurance. Social Security is insurance; you can't drive a vehicle without insurance; and the odds are that your home and your life are insured.

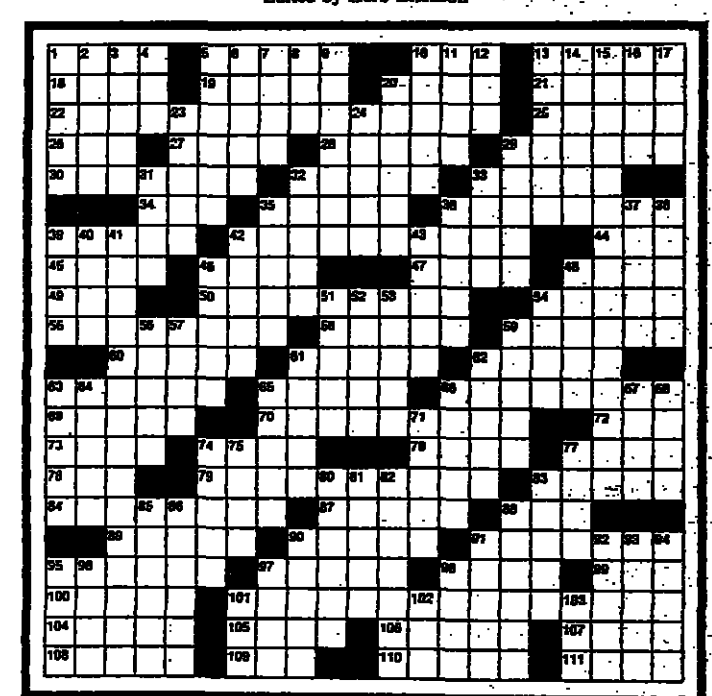
This hand stems from rubber bridge. North-South were playing four-card majors with all jump raises forcing. As the cards lie, North would have been wiser to pass three no trump, at which contract South would have had an easy 10 tricks. But he had slam in mind and pushed his partner to a shaky contract.

Declarer won the opening lead in hand and foresaw no problem. He cashed the king-ace of diamonds and led a club to the king and ace. East exited with a heart and, when West then failed to follow to the queen of clubs, declarer had two more unavoidable club losers—down one.

The only distribution that could cause problems was a 4-1 club split. To guard against that, declarer should first draw trumps and then strip the major suits from his hand and dummy. All that remains is to make the safety play of leading a low club and ducking it. If the suit is 3-2, declarer will next force out the ace with an honor and he will lose only one more club trick. If the suit is 4-1 and the ace is singleton, declarer has solved his problem there and then. If the cards are as in the diagram, whoever wins the club trick is forced to return the suit. South simply lets the club run round to fourth hand and again he will lose only one more club trick. Try it!

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CRYPTOGRAMS

1. CFMG NPTA CIGEMS NPMXB MESTH. ETT.
KFM DMCEJJOYT OETT OTCMSB XEH

BLOOMS DEATH. —By Connie Kesteloff

2. BUMMERY BORUE GL BOMBE TIMX AUGRY

AM TROO W BXAMCRU W IMA KRLYXOC.

—By Leah H. Jones

3. DREAMING UPQUIGETUE IGLU LR IRDN.

MNE OUPUPQUO ATU NERY. LRNUA QMY.

—By Norman Rooden

4. RDXXB SJCCJ ETUUAH ZLBI HAE ZJJC DUY

RJLIA KJB IJU TU KSJRTYD.

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